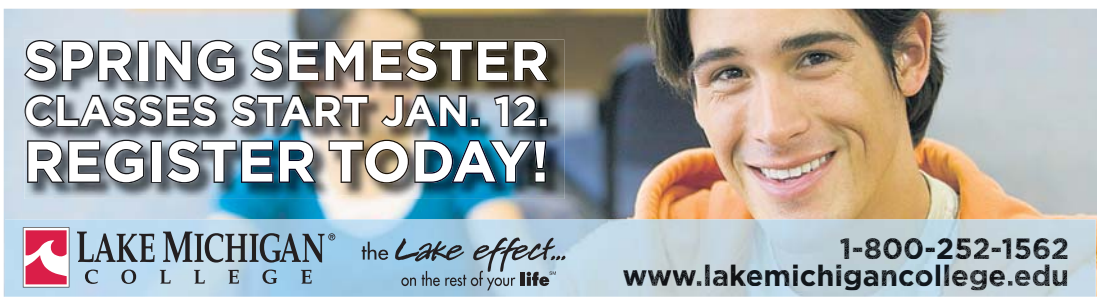
The Herald-Palladium
hp
www.TheHP.com



Drug illuminates brain tissue, advances tumor treatment

Health, B4

Lions lose, to face Cowboys in playoffs

Sports, B1

Don Campbell / HP staff

Long-time Bridgman City Manager Aaron Anthony is retiring on Friday after 18 years. He's shown with a sign bearing the city logo.

Aaron Anthony found his niche in Bridgman

City manager retiring after 18 years on the job

By JANET HAYES
HP Correspondent

BRIDGMAN — When Aaron Anthony retires Friday as Bridgman city manager, the imprint he leaves behind will go way beyond the city limits.

His career spans 38 years in municipal management in Southwest Michigan. Holding his post in Bridgman for the last 18 years is somewhat of a landmark itself because the national average for a city manager is 5-7 years.

"I worked with one-year contracts for 17 years, until my last one and they gave me 18 months," Anthony said with a laugh.

"I found my niche with Bridgman," the northern Michigan native said.

"I was raised in the woods and a rural setting and always close to a Great Lake. I liked the concept of a small town, a viable small town.

Anthony said he also likes the people and their attitude.

"They are proud of who they are and where they are," he said. "That translates into how they do business and conduct themselves."

Anthony said he likes to think he is leaving Bridgman with a signature that didn't exist before, one that both welcomes folks to the city and is recognizable throughout Southwest Michigan.

He points to the bridge-like archway to the city, the logo that says, "Welcome Home to Bridgman on the Lake," and the major streetscape project on Lake Street.

Anthony also leaves behind a community that is on sound financial footing, has economic development programs that encompass the concept of regionalism and a record of one road improvement project per year.

"We've had some growth, but it's smart growth, structured growth. We have some debt, but it's managed debt. We've leveraged grants and stimulus dollars as much as possible," he said.

"I was lucky to help orchestrate these things," he said, crediting a City Council "that pays attention to each other but agrees to disagree. Once a project gets approved and running, you don't hear much rancor."

Anthony also speaks highly of city employees, numbering 15 to 16 during his tenure.

"They are all good, committed people who can do as much as anyone can," Anthony said.

Bridgman Mayor Hannah Anderson said she had the privilege to work with Anthony on the Charter

See **ANTHONY**, page A8

Search continues for AirAsia jet

By TRISNADI MARJAN and MARGIE MASON
Associated Press

SURABAYA, Indonesia — The search for a missing AirAsia jet carrying 162 people that disappeared more than 24 hours ago on a flight from Indonesia to Singapore resumed with first light Monday.

First Admiral Sigit Setiayana, the Naval Aviation Center commander at the Surabaya air force base, said that 12 navy ships, five planes, three helicopters and a number of warships were talking part, along with ships and planes from Singapore and Malaysia. The Australian Air Force also sent a search plane.

Setiaya said visibility was good. "God willing, we can find it soon," he told The Associated Press.

AirAsia Flight 8501 vanished in airspace thick with storm clouds on its way from Surabaya, Indonesia, to Singapore. Searchers had to fight against heavy rain on Sunday before work was suspended due to darkness.

The plane's disappearance and suspected crash caps an astonishingly

See **AIRASIA**, page A8

Sister Lakes

Ex-store manager charged with embezzlement

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

SISTER LAKES — Police say a former manager of a Keeler Township grocery store allegedly embezzled more than $20,000 from the business.

BURGER

Kevin M. Burger, 44, Benton Harbor, also faces several other criminal charges, related to a store break-in that occurred after he was fired from the Myers Super Value store in Sister Lakes.

Van Buren County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Douglas said Burger allegedly broke into the store on Nov. 31 and removed a year's worth of the store's sales receipts. He also allegedly turned off the store's refrigeration equipment for the freezers, resulting in damaged food.

Burger has been arraigned in Seventh District Court in Paw Paw on four criminal charges: Embezzlement of more than $20,000, larceny from a building, malicious destruction of property, and breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

Burger was fired for allegedly altering store sales records and embezzling, and the store barred him from returning, Douglas said.

It wasn't until after the burglary last month that store staff was able to determine that more than $20,000 had been taken, using the remaining store receipts left behind, Douglas said.

Burger was arrested on Dec. 20 and arraigned on Dec. 22. He's free on bond, pending a future court appearance. The store is at 67796 M-152 Highway.

Contact: alersten@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter @HPLersten

Key decisions on drones likely from Congress

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is on the verge of proposing long-awaited rules for commercial drone operations in U.S. skies, but key decisions on how much access to grant drones are likely to come from Congress next year.

Federal Aviation Administration officials have said they want to release proposed rules before the end of this month, but other government and industry officials say they are likely to be delayed until January. Meanwhile, except for a small number of companies that have received FAA exemptions, a ban on commercial drone flights remains in place. Even after rules are proposed, it is likely to be two or three years before regulations become final.

That's too long to wait, say drone industry officials. Every year the ban remains in place, the United States loses more than $10 billion in potential economic benefits that drones could provide, according to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, a trade group.

"We need some sort of process that allows some of the low-risk operations," said Jesse Kallman, the head of regulatory affairs for Airware, a drone technology company backed by Google Ventures. "I think Congress understands that, and hopefully they'll take steps in the coming year to address that."

That appears to be what some key lawmakers have in mind. "We in Congress are very interested in UAS," Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said at a hearing this month, referring to unmanned aerial systems, or drones. "We understand UAS are an exciting technology with the potential to transform parts of our economy. ... It is our responsibility to take a close look."

AP

Jon McBride, who designs and builds drones with Digital Defense Surveillance, flies a training drone for members of the the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office search and rescue team, during a demonstration, in Brigham City, Utah, earlier this year.

One of the committee's first priorities next year is writing legislation to reauthorize FAA programs and overhaul aviation policy. The bill is expected to include directions from lawmakers on how to integrate drones into the nation's aviation system. The last reauthorization bill, passed in

See **DRONES**, page A8

@HeraldPalladium HeraldPalladium
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014
$1
The Newspaper for Southwest Michigan
To subscribe or report delivery problems, call 429-1396

Index

Classifieds	B6	Health	B4	Obituaries	A7	Sports	B1
Comics	B5	Local	A3	Opinion	A6	Television	A5
Features	A5	Michigan	A2	Puzzles	A5	Weather	A8

Weather

High Today 32
Low Tonight 23

UM planetarium brings stars into full focus

By KRISTEN ANDERSON
The Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Every weekend, dozens of people head inside to observe the night sky.

The University of Michigan Museum of Natural History offers the program "Star Talk: The Sky Tonight" year-round on Saturdays and Sundays. Small groups attend each program, which runs about 45 minutes long and takes place in the museum's 36-seat planetarium, The Michigan Daily reported.

Though each presenter's content is different, audience members can expect to see constellations visible from Earth, view other planets in our solar system and leave the Milky Way to observe celestial bodies far outside our galaxy, even those on the edge of the universe. The planetarium enables simulated observation of the night sky based on actual astronomical data, without the impacts of light pollution or adverse weather conditions.

Audience members usually include the general public, K-12 students on field trips and University of Michigan students who may find themselves in the planetarium as part of an astronomy course.

Planetarium manager Matt Linke said many people come to a star talk during the summer to become familiarized with constellations so they're able to identify them on camping trips.

"We focus on those objects, those patterns, that are most dominant over the season," Linke said. "What we decide to do with content really is based on what do we think people want to see when they go outside."

Each star talk is delivered unscripted, and each presenter interacts with the audience in a different way. All presenters are University of Michigan students, most of whom study astronomy, physics or a closely related science.

"There is no one star talk," Linke said. "I give them the opportunity to design the star talk the way it makes sense for them to present it. If you go to three different shows, you'll get three different star talks."

For example, LSA senior Alyssa Keimach, one of the planetarium's operators, included close-up observation of the International Space Station and the Mars rover in her presentation, as well as further observation of several galaxy clusters. She outlined the criteria for classifying planets and discussed the discovery of cosmic background radiation, mentioning that the Milky Way will collide with the Andromeda Galaxy in four billion years.

"I believe in probability," Keimach said. "There is probably some other form of life out there. It doesn't have to be intelligent."

Keimach also explained to audience members that light from distant stars can take billions of light years to reach Earth. Certain stars in distant galaxies could have imploded millions of years ago and ceased to exist, but scientists may never know.

"When we view deep space stuff, we're also actually looking back in time," she said.

During her star talks, Keimach sometimes encourages audience members to sign up for a NASA program that alerts participants whenever the International Space Station is observable from their city.

Star talks are offered Saturdays at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Additional seasonal programs include "Season of Light" and "Extrasolar Planets – Discovering New Worlds."

Admission to the museum is free, and planetarium programs charge $5 per person.

LOTTERIES

Sunday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
10C-2H-7H-2S-6S
Midday Daily 3
9-8-5
Midday Daily 4
1-7-4-2
Daily 3
9-9-4
Daily 4
3-4-1-9
Fantasy 5
03-20-29-34-37
Estimated jackpot: $137,000
Keno
04-05-07-25-28-29-30-31-32-44-45-46-48-54-57-60-62-66-71-73-76-80
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $172 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $120 million

Illinois
Hit or Miss Midday
01-02-03-04-05-06-08-09-12-16-20-24, GLN : 3
Hit or Miss Morning
01-02-03-04-07-10-13-14-17-18-19-23, GLN : 2
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-26-28-33-35
Pick Three-Midday
8-8-5, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
0-0-0-4, Fireball: 0

Saturday evening drawings

Michigan
Powerball
07-10-11-14-36, Powerball: 15, Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: $110 million

Indiana
Cash 5
01-04-13-22-36
Estimated jackpot: $285,000
Poker Lotto
AH-8C-6D-3H-6H
Daily Three-Evening
5-1-9
Daily Four-Evening
9-3-7-4
Quick Draw Evening
01-03-07-09-13-18-24-26-28-33-34-37-52-56-58-61-65-70-74-77
Hoosier Lotto
04-22-26-27-31-48
Estimated jackpot: $5.3 million

Illinois
Hit or Miss Drive
01-02-04-06-09-10-11-14-15-17-21-22, GLN : 5
Hit or Miss Evening
02-05-06-09-13-14-16-18-19-21-22-24, GLN : 4
Lotto
06-16-19-25-31-42,
Extra Shot: 23
Estimated jackpot: $13.5 million
Pick Three-Evening
4-2-1, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
4-7-3-1, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
13-22-23-27-38
Estimated jackpot: $400,000

– *The Associated Press*

Contact us

To contact the Newsroom, send an email to one of the addresses listed below, call one of the direct lines listed below, or call our main office at 429-2400 and ask for one of the extensions listed below.

News tip	**Features**	**Letters to the Editor**
Ext. 293	Ext. 225	Ext. 211
localnews@TheHP.com	focus@TheHP.com	letters@TheHP.com
Sports	**Obituaries**	**Photo**
Ext. 294, or 429-1294	Ext. 295, or 429-2295	Ext. 204
sports@TheHP.com	obits@TheHP.com	photos@TheHP.com

To order reprints of staff photos or high-quality reproductions of full pages, visit www.TheHP.com and click on the Photo Gallery and Reprints link.

The Herald-Palladium

P.O. Box 128 • 3450 Hollywood Road • St. Joseph, MI 49085
Volume 129, Number 363

For delivery and subscription information, call 269-429-1396.
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.
7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

If your paper is missed, please call in before 11 a.m. Mondays-Fridays and before noon on weekends. Current-day replacement delivery is limited to the communities of Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Stevensville.

To place a classified ad, call 269-429-4484.
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

To reach any other department, call our main switchboard at 269-429-2400.

Main switchboard hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Cash payments and checks are accepted during general business hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. The Circulation and Classified departments can accept credit card payments via telephone during their normal hours.

Our building is open to the public 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

MAIN FAX	**429-7661**
NEWSROOM FAX	**429-4398**
CLASSIFIED ADV. FAX	**429-8344**

Home delivery rates:

Carrier/motor serv.	$25.00/4 wks
Mail delivery	$50.00/4 wks

All subscriptions are payable in advance. Foreign mail rates available on request. Subscription discounts are available for Easy Pay and E-Mail Renewal subscriptions.

The Herald-Palladium is printed for your convenience with low-ruboff soy ink and with newsprint containing recycled paper.

David Holgate Publisher
Dave Brown Managing Editor
Stacey Ramsey Advertising Director
Barry Whitman Circulation Director
Robert Estes Business Manager

The Herald-Palladium is published daily, Mondays through Sundays, at 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI and is a consolidation of The Herald-Press and The News-Palladium. Periodicals Mail postage paid at St. Joseph, MI (USPS 387-440). Postmaster: Send change of address to P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Member of The Associated Press and The Audit Bureau of Circulations.

PRINTED WITH SOY INK
Alliance for Audited Media

Mom: Detroit teen's organs donated after gun death

DETROIT (AP) — The mother of a 16-year-old Detroit boy who was fatally shot while he and his friends played with a gun on Christmas Day says his organs are being donated.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Sunday for Bernard Walker, a 10th-grader at Allen Academy. Walker was taken off life support Friday at Henry Ford Hospital.

Theresa Culbert told The Detroit News that the family was working to arrange for a funeral while the organ donation process proceeded. James H. Cole Home for Funerals in Detroit will be handling the funeral and said it expected to have details Monday.

Police have arrested a 19-year-old but have not yet identified him.

"The initial charges were felonious assault and felony firearm," Officer Jennifer Moreno said. "However since he passed, it is up to the prosecutor to raise the charges."

The suspect didn't intend to shoot his friend, Moreno said.

"I don't believe he did it on purpose," she said. "It was truly an accident."

Police said Walker was at a friend's house with two friends, ages 19 and 17. They were playing with the gun in the basement of a home in the Virginia Park neighborhood, about three miles north of downtown Detroit, when it discharged. She said that one of the other teens brought the gun.

Walker, who turned 16 in October, was the youngest of Culbert's children. His 3-year-old brother, DeShawn, was killed in 1997 when a teenage driver struck him as he crossed a street.

Visit The Herald-Palladium online
www.TheHP.com

ADVERTISEMENT

Doctor's Digestion Corner

How to Rinse Bouts of Heartburn, Acid-Reflux and Constipation Right Out of Your Body

If you take prescription meds to fight these stomach issues, **YOU COULD BE A WALKING TIME BOMB!** But what if I told you I can solve almost any digestion problem; so you eat anything you want without suffering the consequences? It's a lot easier than you think.

Liza H Leal, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Meridian Medical Dental Healthcare

Overproduction of stomach acid can lead to bouts of:

✓ Heartburn ✓ Diarrhea ✓ Constipation
✓ Acid Reflux ✓ Bloating ✓ Irritable Bowl
✓ Sour Stomach ✓ Belching

Just two ounces of AloeCure daily can reduce stomach acid 10 times more and lead to a cleaner, healthier digestive system

Look, I get it. It's almost impossible to worry about everything you eat. But if you suffer with digestion problems, and slip up, the experience is horrifying. Think about it…

Eat a slice of pizza and you're stomach twists up in knots. Take a bite of something that "doesn't agree with you" and a 5-alarm fire rages in your throat.

Even the simple act of going to the bathroom is a nightmare. You strain and strain, but just can't go. And become so constipated that the pain doubles you over so you can't breathe. It's a real mess!

If this sounds like you, you're not alone. Millions suffer right along with you. That's why I'm writing to you today.

I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING TO BEAT ALMOST ANY DIGESTION PROBLEM… INSTANTLY!

And it's not only simple; you may never experience another digestion episode again! *(More on that in a minute)…*

Prilosec®, Prevacid®, Pepcid® and Nexium®: Are They Worth The Risk? It's true that Nexium®, along with the other 'proton pump inhibitors like Prevacid® and Prilosec® and Pepcid can give you temporary relief, but at what cost?

"Antacids can cause brittle bones, hip and wrist fractures and a damaged spine."

The truth is, if taken for too long, these drugs can cause serious problems. Most people take them for years! If you do, you may be asking for big trouble!

Like thousands of others, you could end up with brittle bones, hip and wrist fractures and a damaged spine. Plus put you at risk for nasty infections that can land you in the hospital for weeks. And it's especially true if you're over age 50 years old!

A "HIDDEN" DANGER MOST DOCTORS DON'T EVEN LOOK FOR!

According to the FDA, studies on popular antacids show excessive use can lead to an increase in hip, wrist, and spine fractures.

The Bottom Line: Digestion drugs can bring about serious issues with your entire digestive system! And if you don't do something about it now, your problems are just beginning!

MY PATIENTS ARE THRILLED WITH THE RESULTS!

I want to share with you what I take and refer all my family of patients to. It is simple, all natural and a quick solution to digestive issues, called ***AloeCure®***. It isn't a drug, yet its clinical strength Aloe vera defuses acid and gas attacks like nothing else on the planet! It starts to help your entire digestive system the moment you drink it. (without risking your health to dangerous drugstore alternatives).

I know what you're thinking. "Aloe is for sunburns and cuts! Why would I want to drink it?" But what you might not know is; clinical strength aloe (like the kind used in ***AloeCure®***) calms the fire in your throat and belly right on the spot. And keeps you going so you don't have to strain, push (and pray) for relief. The moment you drink it, it starts to work! It's that simple.

HELP DIGESTIVE ISSUES GO AWAY!

The secret is that ***AloeCure®*** is brimming with **malic-calcium**, a powerful acid blocker that quenches the awful burning sensation in your throat, stomach, and esophagus on contact. And keeps the acid level balanced so your symptoms disappear and don't come back.

AloeCure® also contains **polysaccharides** a 'wonder' compound that gently coats the throat, esophagus and stomach, delivering instant relief to cells scorched by excess acid.

What's more, it contains vitamins, minerals, and amino acids that fight the inflammation and help heal your body, not just after a meal, but all the time. So you get relief you can count on, day after day.

Most impressively, ***AloeCure®*** opens a pathway for your unwanted waste so it moves thoroughly through your digestive system as it should.

RECOMMENDED BY DOCTORS. TRUSTED BY MILLIONS

After conducting an unpaid investigation about Aloe Vera claims and success stories, **Bryce Wylde** commented that pure Aloe Vera extract may be the most important application ever discovered for digestive health. Bryce is recognized as a leading investigator on ingredient claims commonly found in natural health products. He receives no compensation from the sale of ***AloeCure®***.

Dr. Santiago Rodriquez adds that "just two ounces of ***AloeCure®*** reduces the acids in your stomach by ten times.

Long-time AloeCure® user, Ralph Burns says that "After 70 years of searching for relief I finally found it. It is called AloeCure®."

SAFE AND EASY TO USE.

AloeCure® tastes great and contains absolutely ***no sugar, no stimulants.*** It's ***drug-free*** and has ***no known side effects***. Use as directed and you're digestion problems—will be gone once and for all. It's that simple!

TRY ALOECURE® ™ 100% AT OUR RISK.

If it doesn't immediately solve every digestive problem you're now facing… free your mind from worry forever… and let you eat anything you want without suffering the consequences , then send it back…and every penny of your purchase will be returned. (Less S&H).

SPECIAL BONUS: The makers of ***AloeCure®*** have agreed to send you up to **6 FREE bottles--PLUS 2 FREE bonus gifts** with your order. But hurry! This is a limited-time offer.

Call today and ***AloeCure®*** will give you the relief you've been hoping for -- Guaranteed! **Call Now, Toll-Free 1-888-532-4099.**

THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT, CURE, OR PREVENT ANY DISEASE. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NOT TYPICAL

hp LOCAL & STATE

Q & A

Denise Bohn-Stewart

Television reporter shifting to radio

Louise Wrege / HP staff

Former South Bend television reporter Denise Bohn Stewart of St. Joseph will join Jonny Reinhardt Jan. 5 on 98.3 The Coast in the mornings. Stewart, shown here last week, is a cancer survivor and she continues to work with Susan G. Komen Southwest Michigan.

Denise Bohn-Stewart of St. Joseph is working her last day as a reporter with a South Bend television station today before returning to Mid-West Family Broadcasting to host the morning radio show with Jonny Reinhardt on 98.3 (WCXT) The Coast on Jan. 5.

But she is much more than an on-air talent. She's also a wife, mother and breast cancer survivor.

While working at the radio station, she will continue at her part-time job with Susan G. Komen Southwest Michigan in Kalamazoo.

A native of the area, she said she was born and raised in Millburg.

"It's a little hick town," she said. "I'm a hillbilly at heart."

Through all of her travels to work at places like Los Angeles and Las Vegas, she said she was always drawn back to her roots.

"I've always thought that Southwest Michigan is a really special place," said the 1989 graduate of Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph. "You can be in a rotten mood and drive by the lake and it turns your whole world around. I think the people here are very special."

Bohn-Stewart sat down with Staff Writer Louise Wrege recently to discuss her life.

Where did you go to college?

I went to Michigan State – go Spartans. I have a degree in communications. I also did some additional studies at SMC (Southwestern Michigan College) and UNLV (University of Nevada-Las Vegas). I absolutely fell in love with (Las Vegas).

From there, I moved to LA (Los Angeles) and I worked on an internship for the Arsenio Hall Show.

How did you like working for the Arsenio Hall Show?

It was a lot of fun. He's a very hard worker. I got to meet a lot of celebrities. Robin Williams. Jamie Lee Curtis. Evander Holyfield. It was quite an experience.

You didn't want to move back to LA?

LA's kind of crazy. Driving anywhere will take you hours and hours. I loved the experience, but I didn't have any desire to actually live there.

What happened after you graduated?

I did two more internships at NBC in Chicago, Channel 5. I worked for Joan Esposito, who was an anchor there. I also worked for the Jerry Springer Show.

I tell people I worked for the show before it got nuts. It was kind of a normal talk show back then. I worked in the research department.

They actually hired me on a part time basis. It was a good couple of hours commute. But I was used to the traffic because I'd lived in LA.

When did you first work for Mid-West Family Broadcasting?

My first real job out of college was here. They hired me in sales. I wanted to get my foot in the door. I had gotten tired of traveling. I worked in sales for six months and hated it. Fortunately, the news director at the time, he and I had become friends. He knew that I had an interest in news. He started giving me little assignments here and there. After that, they decided they wanted me as a reporter full time. Later, I was promoted as news director.

Some people may remember, while I was still here, I was in a really bad car accident and broke my neck. The community really rallied around me. That was in 1996. I was very fortunate, I'm kind of like a bionic woman. I have titanium rods in my neck.

How did you end up at Channel 22 (WSBT)?

It was the end of 1999. I got an interest in television. I wanted a different way to be able to tell a story. I wanted to be able to visually show the people we were interviewing.

Where did you meet your husband?

I met my husband (Eric Stewart) at South Shore Raquet Club in St. Joe.

We have four children altogether. I have a step-son, who is 20. And then we have three little ones, who are 6, 8 and 9. They're my greatest accomplishment. I think the hardest job in the world truly is being a mom. I stayed home for seven years to help raise them. I got married later in life. I had my first one at 35. Then every 15 months, I had a baby.

When did you have breast cancer?

That happened after giving birth to my last son. He was 2 months old. I was doing a self breast exam and I found a lump. In the end, I went through three lumpectomies. And then, because of my age and the type of cancer was, 'triple negative,' they recommended chemotherapy. It's highly aggressive. I had five months of chemotherapy.

You did all this with young children?

I had three babies in diapers (while) battling breast cancer. But I had a lot of support from family and friends. I could not have done it without the support from my husband and family. My church was a great support. That's what you need and that's why I'm so involved in the cause.

Why are you returning to radio?

The radio station approached me about a month ago about this opportunity, and I was really intrigued by it. One, it allowed me to be home with the kids when they got home from school. And two, it will allow me to share more of the fun side of my personality. In this position, I'll hopefully make people laugh, maybe cry a little bit. Get them thinking about things. But, when I'm done with that, I'll be able to do what I love, which is news. I'll be doing the morning show Monday through Friday. And then three days a week, I'll be doing news. We're working on creating a new digital online newscast that I'll be anchoring and helping to produce.

Contact: lwrege@TheHP.com, 932-0361, Twitter @HPWrege

Blind judge making history on court

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Richard Bernstein officially joins the Michigan Supreme Court in a few days. But he's been working off the clock since November, preparing for 10 cases in an extraordinary way – memorizing the key points of every brief read to him by an aide.

Bernstein, 41, has been blind since birth. After winning the election, an assistant at his family's Detroit-area law firm began reading briefs to him for mid-January arguments, including a medical marijuana case and a labor dispute covering thousands of state employees.

"It would be much easier if I could read and write like everyone else, but that's not how I was created," Bernstein said. "No question, it requires a lot more work, but the flip side is it requires you to operate at the highest level of preparedness. ... This is what I've done my entire life. This goes all the way back to grade school for me."

Michigan has never had a blind judge on its highest court, and few other states have. In Missouri, Justice Richard Teitelman has been legally blind since age 13. Judge David Tatel, who is blind, sits on a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C.

"Every new justice has to make a transition from whatever life he or she had before," Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. said. "His will be different than others, but he's extraordinarily successful and very driven. You don't enter Ironman competitions without having a steel backbone."

Indeed, Bernstein's remarkable background undoubtedly appealed to voters. He has run more than 15 marathons, and in 2008 completed a triathlon by riding a bike 112 miles, running 26.2 miles and swimming 2.4 miles with the help of guides. In 2012, he made headlines in New York City after being struck by a speeding bicyclist while running in Central Park, a collision that put him in a hospital for weeks.

Bernstein is widely known in southeastern Michigan because his family's personal-injury law firm regularly advertises on TV. He spent more than $1.8 million of his own money to campaign for the state Supreme Court. His slogan? "Blind Justice."

As one of only two Democrats on the seven-member court, Bernstein is unlikely to crack the court's conservative sway. But he's still expected to make a difference.

"His own experience and background is different than anyone else's at the conference table," said Justice Bridget McCormack, who was a law professor before being elected in 2012. "Richard knows a whole lot about disability law the rest of us don't. We don't get a lot of those cases. Who knows how it will be useful?"

Benton Twp.

LMC reaches new milestones during 2014

Student housing, expanded course list raise college's profile

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
HP Correspondent

BENTON TOWNSHIP — It's been a big year for Lake Michigan College, with brick and mortar projects grabbing a lot of public attention.

But the work that goes on behind the scenes is equally important.

That's how LMC President Bob Harrison sums up a year that saw the institution construct its first student housing complex, significantly expand academic offerings and prepare for major upgrades of its main campus on Napier Avenue.

"We've had a busy, busy year," Harrison said. "It's been a challenging year, and an interesting year. We're addressing some of the issues, and we're working hard to overcome them."

Still, there's no question that the construction of Beckwith Hall, which the college dedicated in July at an estimated cost of $8.3 million, has helped to raised LMC's profile significantly, Harrison said.

The college anticipates an occupancy of 127 students toward the 188-unit maximum capacity for the spring 2015 semester.

"We're started getting deposits for next year already. It's done what it was intended to do," Harrison said. "Typically, the profile is recent grads of one, two or three years ago. They come from all over our area high schools. It's given our coaches one more thing to offer high-caliber students."

All about the academics

For all the excitement that Beckwith's construction has created, none of it would matter without the academic offerings to back it up, Harrison said.

In May, the college awarded 488 degrees and certificates to 473 students – including 453 associate degrees, 23 certificates of achievement, and 12 Level 1 certificates.

"We had a great year, commencement-wise. We tend to think about projects, but there's a lot of day-to-day hard work that goes in," he said.

Major academic developments include nine program approvals, led by LMC's first baccalaureate program, which held its first courses this fall. That allows the college to offer a bachelor of applied science in energy production and distribution management.

The program "takes the college's existing associate degree in energy production to the next level," according to a highlights list prepared by LMC.

The Higher Learning Commission also approved an associate's degree in enology and viticulture, which LMC will begin offering next fall with an initial class of 10 to 15 students, Harrison said.

"We tend to think there's a potential to help the industry grow. With wine, there's a spinoff effect into the tourism and hospitality industries," he said.

Construction has been completed for the winery that students will use, the curriculum is ready, and the college has hired winemaker Michael Moyer, of Walla Walla, Wash., as the new program's director. He'll start in January.

"He's got a master's (degree) in enology and viticulture. He's taught for seven years with a program like this, and worked as a winemaker in private industry," Harrison said. "We're really delighted to have him come."

Investing in the future

In October, the LMC board approved an application for a $16.9 million state capital outlay grant. If approved, it would cover the cost of major upgrades of classrooms and lecture halls at the Napier Avenue campus, and to the heating, ventilation, cooling and air-conditioning system.

The mechanical systems project carries an $3.4 million total estimated price tag and has occupied the college's wish list for a long time, according to Harrison.

"That'll bring about a quarter of a million dollars in savings on energy costs," he said.

A successful application would require LMC to match half the funding. The college's application is currently ranked third on the state's approval list, which now awaits action in the next legislative session.

"We're going to keep pushing on it," Harrison said. "This grant was originally submitted about six years ago. A quarter of a million dollars a year starts to add up to real money, so the savings are significant," Harrison said.

Moving toward Napier Avenue

The year ended with a bang with the LMC board approving the sale of the M-TEC Center at 400 Klock Road in Benton Township to Whirlpool Corp.

The sale is part of a plan to house all manufacturing technology programs at the Napier Avenue campus.

As part of that effort, the college is applying for $1.5 million to $2 million in Michigan Economic Development Corp. funding to build a new technology center. The project is expected to support the creation of 260 area jobs in three years.

The board's decision comes down to logistics and a discussion with area employers about what the future of manufacturing will look like, in Harrison's view.

Student head counts bounce between 200 and 400 at M-TEC, and 500 to 700 at the Bertrand Crossing and South Haven campus, Harrison said.

Since the bulk of LMC's 3,500 students are at Napier Avenue, it makes sense to create a facility to serve that campus, he said.

"That's driven by our desire to help manufacturing grow, and also, to attract more students into the programs. Having a center here on this campus allows us to have something that students can see," Harrison said.

Here are some additional academic and non-academic highlights of LMC's last 12 months:

■ Completed construction of enhanced student amenities, including a concession-restroom facility, fire pit, gas-fired grills, site security lighting, and volleyball court.

■ Consolidated new Health Education Institute programs (certified nursing assistant, medical assistant, phlebotomy) in renovated facilities at Napier Avenue.

■ The Red Hawk men's and women's basketball teams both competed in national tournament play.

■ The Red Hawk women competed nationally for a third consecutive year, finishing seventh. They also won the regular season league tile and posted a 26-5 record.

■ The men were NJCAA District 9 champions, and made to the national tournament for the first time since 2005. Three players also made the All-Tournament team, while Doug Schaffer was named "Coach of the Year."

■ Raised $330,344 at the Winner's Circle Auction, making it the second largest of the 24 auctions held so far. Since 1989, the event has raised $3.9 million for scholarships.

Legislative Roll Call

House Joint Resolution UU, Increase sales tax: Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate

To place before voters in a May 5, 2015 election a constitutional amendment increasing the state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent. This is part of a package that represents a net tax increase of $1.945 billion, of which $1.2 billion would go to road repairs and the rest to other spending. The next several bills will not go into effect unless voters approve this measure in a May 5 election.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	N

House Joint Resolution UU, Increase sale tax: Passed 94 to 16 in the House

The House vote on the measure described above.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

House Bill 5477, Increase Gas and Diesel Tax: Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate

To replace the 19 cent per gallon gas tax and 15 cent diesel tax with a 14.9 percent wholesale fuel tax, which at current prices is 41.7 cents per gallon for gasoline and 46.4 cents for diesel. The increases would be mostly (but not completely) offset by exempting fuel sales from the state sales tax. However, this is contingent on voters approving the large net tax increase represented by a sales tax increase in a May 5, 2015 vote (see above).

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	N

House Bill 5477, Increase Gas and Diesel Tax: Passed 93 to 17 in the House

The House vote on the bill described above.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

House Bill 4630, Increase vehicle registration taxes: Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate

To increase vehicle registration taxes on trucks, electric vehicles, and cars more than three years old. This would cost vehicle owners around $95 million more each year, but will not go into effect unless voters approve a sales tax increase on May 5 (see above).

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	N

House Bill 4630, Increase vehicle registration taxes: Passed 67 to 43 in the House

The House vote on the bill described above.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

Senate Bill 847, Increase payments to low income wage earners: Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate

To increase the state Earned Income Tax Credit, which will distribute $260 million to low income wage earners. However, this is contingent on voters approving a sales tax increase tax in a May 5, 2015 election.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	N

Senate Bill 847, Increase payments to low income wage earners: Passed 78 to 32 in the House

The House vote on the bill described above.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	N
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

Senate Bill 423, Require public school spending "adequacy" study: Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate

To require the state budget agency to contract for a study to determine how much money per student is needed for a public school to educate students sufficiently well to meet state graduation requirements. Reportedly the bill was adopted to get Democratic votes on the sales tax increase described above, but it is not contingent on that measure's approval by voters.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	N

Senate Bill 423, Require public school spending "adequacy" study: Passed 72 to 38 in the House

The House vote on the bill described above.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	N
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	N
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

Senate Bill 658, Impose "Amazon tax" on internet purchases: Passed 83 to 27 in the House

To require merchants outside the state who have an affiliation with a different business located in Michigan (in the manner pioneered by internet retailer Amazon.com) to collect sales tax on purchases by Michigan residents. This bill does not require voter approval of a sales tax hike like other bills in the $1.945 billion road funding/tax hike deal, but House passage was part of those negotiations. The Senate adopted the measure on Dec. 11.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

House Bill 4186, Revise criminal record expungement rules: Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

The remaining bills in this report are not related to the tax increase/road funding package described above.

To allow a person convicted of only one felony offense and not more than two misdemeanors, to apply to have the felony "set aside," or expunged from the person's public record. A person convicted of not more than two misdemeanors could apply to have one or both set aside. This would not apply to convictions for criminal sexual conduct, domestic violence, or crimes punishable by life imprisonment.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	Y

Senate Bill 78, Restrict setting aside state land for "biological diversity": Passed 59 to 50 in the House

To prohibit the Department of Natural Resources from designating an area of land specifically for the purpose of achieving "biological diversity," no longer require the DNR to manage forests in a manner that promotes "restoration," and remove from statute a legislative "finding" that most losses of biological diversity result from human activity.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	Y

House Bill 4480, Require more detailed reports on corporate subsidy costs, outcomes: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To require state economic development agencies to submit and post online more detailed reports on the costs and outcomes generated by their various loan, tax break and subsidy programs targeted at specific corporations, developers or industries.

21	Sen. John Proos, IV	R – St. Joseph	Y

Senate Bill 789, Revise concealed pistol license procedures: Passed 84 to 26 in the House

To eliminate county concealed weapon licensing boards, and transfer the responsibility for administering and issuing concealed pistol licenses to county clerks, with the State Police still performing the background checks required by the law.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	N
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	Y

Senate Bill 1033, Exempt "direct primary care" and "concierge medicine" to extensive insurance regulation: Passed 60 to 50 in the House

To establish that fixed-fee medical retainer agreements between a physician and a potential patient covering routine health care services are not considered "insurance" subject to the extensive regulatory regime imposed on conventional health insurance policies. This could presumably apply to "direct primary care" agreements, "concierge medicine" and similar innovations.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	Y

Senate Bill 74, Mandate school "cyberbully" policies: Passed 65 to 45 in the House

To revise the 2011 law mandating that schools adopt anti-"bullying" policies, by requiring that their policies also address "cyberbullying."

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	N
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	N
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

Senate Bill 269, Extend $75 million annual corporate subsidy earmark: Passed 82 to 26 in the House

To extend through 2019 an annual $75 million earmark to a "21st Century Jobs Fund" program created by the previous administration, which provides various subsidies to particular firms or industries chosen by a board of political appointees. Under current law, the earmark expires in 2015.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	N
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	N

Senate Bill 211, Establish firefighters' cancer presumption: Passed 109 to 1 in the House

To establish a presumption that, for purposes of granting workers compensation benefits, certain cancers contracted by non-volunteer firefighters arose out of their employment. The burden of proof would be on the employer to show the disease was due to smoking, non-work causes or specific incidents. Any benefits would be contingent on the legislature appropriating money for them.

59	Rep. Matt Lori	R – Constantine	Y
66	Rep. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y
78	Rep. David Pagel	R – Berrien Springs	Y
79	Rep. Al Pscholka	R – Stevensville	Y
80	Rep. Robert Genetski	R – Saugatuck	Y

Police boss: Less rhetoric, more dialogue needed

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A day after the funeral of one of two police officers gunned down in their patrol car, the city's police commissioner called Sunday for a "lot less rhetoric and a lot more dialogue" to defuse the tension between police officers and the population they protect.

Speaking on NBC's "Meet The Press," Commissioner William Bratton said the "pent-up frustrations" that have caused people to take to the streets in recent weeks go far beyond policing policies across the nation.

"This is about the continuing poverty rates, the continuing growing disparity between the wealthy and the poor. It's still about unemployment issues. There are so many national issues that have to be addressed that it isn't just policing, as I think we all well know," he said.

Bratton said rank-and-file officers and much of America's police leadership feels under attack, including "from the federal government at the highest levels."

He urged: "See us. See the police. See why they have the anxieties and the perceptions they have."

Bratton also appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation," where he defended Mayor Bill de Blasio, saying it was wrong for hundreds of police officers to turn their backs to a video monitor outside a Queens church as de Blasio spoke at the funeral of Officer Rafael Ramos.

"I certainly don't support that action," he said. "That funeral was held to honor Officer Ramos. And to bring politics, to bring issues into that event, I think, was very inappropriate."

He acknowledged, though, that the morale of officers is low and said their actions "unfortunately" reflected the feelings of some toward the mayor. Some police officers blame de Blasio for creating an atmosphere of negativity toward the New York Police Department in the city after a grand jury declined to charge an officer in the police chokehold death of Eric Garner on Staten Island.

The gesture at Ramos' funeral came amid contentious contract negotiations with the city. The rank-and-file police union did not claim credit for the symbolic protest, and its head, Patrick Lynch, repeatedly dodged reporters' attempts to ask about it after Ramos' funeral.

Atlantic City eager for 2015 after its worst year

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Few people are more eager to see the clock strike midnight on Dec. 31 than Atlantic City casino executives and the thousands of workers who still have jobs there.

Four of the resort's 12 casinos shut down during 2014 (and a fifth narrowly escaped with a last-minute financing deal just before Christmas), 8,000 workers lost their jobs and casino revenue continued its eight-year plunge.

Several major developments are expected in 2015 that will help shape Atlantic City's future, including the outcome of state efforts to help the struggling resort town, a decision on whether PokerStars can join New Jersey's Internet gambling market, the fate of the former Revel casino and a ramped-up push for a statewide referendum on whether casinos should be allowed in other parts of the state.

"It's got to be better than the year we just had given that we had four closings. In that regard, the worst is behind us," said Tony Rodio, president of the Tropicana Casino and Resort. "But there's certainly a lot of uncertainty with the tax situation and the state legislation, and about market conditions. I'd forecast a better year, but still cloudy."

Kevin Ortzman, president of the Casino Association of New Jersey, said Atlantic City took some bitter but necessary medicine this year.

"Atlantic City experienced big changes in 2014, changes that were very difficult but nonetheless necessary for the greater good of the entire region," he said.

The biggest question heading into 2015: Is the bleeding over? Casino executives and analysts say the remaining eight casinos have a better chance of success now that the market has contracted; "right-sizing" was a frequently used term in 2014 as The Atlantic Club, Showboat, Revel and Trump Plaza closed. In November, the eight remaining casinos saw their revenue increase by 11.5 percent compared with November 2013.

But it's too soon to sound the all-clear signal. Gary Loveman, president of Caesars Entertainment, seemed to put Bally's on notice in October, saying, "We need to make money there."

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-17735

- The Michigan Public Service Commission will review Consumers Energy Company's request to adjust its rates in three stages to produce net additional electric revenue of approximately $163 million annually by May 31, 2016 and incremental increases in 2017 and 2018 above current base electric rate levels. The Company's proposal, as part of the three stage increase could result in a maximum [2016] revenue increase amount of $201 million prior to the Company's final revenue increase of $163 million. Consumers Energy Company also seeks approval to implement or modify several cost recovery mechanisms or proposals.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201, (800) 477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- A public hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: **Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Mark E. Cummins

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) December 5, 2014 application, which seeks Commission's approval to adjust its existing retail electric rates in three stages to provide net additional revenues of approximately $163 million annually by May 31, 2016, to implement or modify several cost recovery mechanisms or proposals. Consumers Energy represents that the Company's proposal includes an Investment Recovery Mechanism that includes incremental revenue increases, subject to reconciliation, of $163 million for 2017 and an additional $78 million for 2018 above levels reflected in test year rates. Consumers Energy also seeks approval to terminate its current Power Plant Bill Credit associated with the Company's July 2014 securitization financing. Consumers Energy states that factors contributing to the requested increase include: (i) the purchase of a 540 megawatt combined cycle natural gas plant located in Jackson, Michigan; (ii) ongoing investments in electric utility generation and distribution assets to comply with environmental and legal requirements; (iii) ongoing investments in electric utility generation and distribution assets to provide safe and reliable service; (iv) ongoing investments in technology improvements, including investments associated with the Company's Smart Grid (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) project; and (v) increased Operations and Maintenance expenses necessary to improve the reliability of service to customers.

Consumers Energy is also requesting Commission approval to design rates aligned with the requirements of Public Act 169 of 2014 and the Commission's related order. Consumers Energy represents that the Company's proposed rates will result in an annual residential class increase in jurisdictional revenues of approximately 10.5%, an annual secondary class increase of approximately 5.9%, and an annual primary class decrease of approximately 6.5%.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E- Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6180 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by January 7, 2015. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy's Legal Department – Regulatory Group, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure R 460.17315 and R 460.17335. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 241-6060.

A copy of Consumers Energy's application may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 241-6180.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HAS REQUESTED THE INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT LESSER OR GREATER INCREASES THAN THOSE REQUESTED AND MAY AUTHORIZE A LESSER OR GREATER RATE FOR ANY CLASS OF SERVICE THAN THAT REQUESTED.

Consumers Energy
Count on Us

2014 1039-E

Prime Time TV

MONDAY EVENING DEC. 29

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Happy New Year, Charlie Brown CC		Rudolph's Shiny New Year		Castle "Veritas" CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Entertainment Ton.	2 Broke Girls	Mike & Molly (N)	Scorpion "A Cyclone" CC		9:59 NCIS: Los Angeles CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Access Hollyw'd	State of Affairs "Pilot" CC (DVS)		State of Affairs "Bang, Bang"		State of Affairs "Masquerade"	
FOX 17 28 32	Modern Family	Gotham "Arkham" CC (DVS)		Sleepy Hollow "Root of All Evil"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow (N) CC		Antiques Roadshow "Phoenix, AZ" CC		Secrets of Westminster CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The Originals Mikael takes Cami hostage.		Jane the Virgin "Chapter Three"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	House of Payne	House of Payne	We There Yet?	We There Yet?	Family Guy	Raising Hope
WHME 46	M*A*S*H CC	Lester Sumrall	Paid Program	The Harvest Show News and music.		Hart to Heart	Joyce Meyer
WSBT 22	:00 WSBT News at 7	ES.TV CC	ES.TV CC	Dr. Phil CC		News	Dish Nation (N)
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48 "Heartless" CC		The First 48 "Shattered Glass" CC	
AMC	:40 Breaking Bad "Mas" CC		:44 Breaking Bad Walt settles into his new surroundings.			9:48 Breaking Bad "One Minute" CC	
Animal	Yukon	Yukon Men CC		Yukon Men CC		Yukon Men CC	
BET	Game	Game	Game	Game	Game	:12 The Game CC	
Big Ten	Women's College Basketball			Women's College Basketball			
Bravo	Actor's Studio	Vanderpump Rules "Mind the Jax"		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce	
Cartoon	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	American	American
Cinemax	Hobbit-Jrny	★★★ Private Parts ('97, Biography) Howard Stern, Robin Quivers. CC				The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug	
CMT	Raising	★★ We Are Marshall ('06, Drama) Matthew McConaughey.					
CNBC	Factories	Shark Tank CC		The Profit		The Profit	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
CSNC	Sports	Hockey	NHL Hockey: Predators at Blackhawks				
Discovery	:00 Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N) CC		Street Outlaws (N) CC		Fast N' Loud: Demolition Theater (N)	
Disney	Musical	★★ High School Musical 2 ('07) CC				Austin	Dog
DIY	Bath	Bath	Bath	Bath	Bath	Bath	Bath
E!	E! News	Take the Hamptons		Take the Hamptons		Take the Hamptons	
Encore	Talladega Nights:	★★★ The Omen ('76, Horror) Gregory Peck, Lee Remick. iTV. CC				9:55 ★★ Damien: Omen II ('78)	
ESPN	College Football			College Football			
ESPN2	College Basketball			Women's College Basketball			
ESPNC	Soccer	World Cup Soccer From July 9, 2014.				World Cup Soccer	
Family	Harry Potter	★★★ The Hunger Games ('12) Jennifer Lawrence. In a dystopian society, teens fight to the death on live TV.					
Food	Diners	My. Din	My. Din	My. Din	My. Din	Restaurant: Im.	
Fox News	Record	The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Bruins				Red Wings Live (N)		Wingspan
FX	★★ Just Go With It	★ That's My Boy ('12) Adam Sandler. A young man's estranged father tries to reconnect with him.					★ That's My Boy
G4	Soup	Soup	Soup	Tough	Tough	Tough	Tough
Golf	:00 Golf						
Hallmark	Christmas-Wrap	A Holiday Engagement ('11, Comedy) Jordan Bridges, Bonnie Somerville. CC				The Middle CC	The Middle CC
HBO	Material World	★★★ 42 ('13, Biography) Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford. CC				Unbroken: First	Tapia
History	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Revelation: The End of Days (N) CC			
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	:00 ★★ You've Got Mail ('98) CC				:35 ★★ You've Got Mail		
Lifetime	Made	★★ 27 Dresses ('08) Katherine Heigl.				★ Bride Wars	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		Catfish: The TV		Girl Code	Girl Code
NFL	NFL Total Access		Rewind	Rewind	Rewind	Rewind	Rewind
Nick	Parents	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince
NGEO	Chug (N)	Ultimate Survival		Ultimate Survival		Ultimate Survival	
Oxygen	:00 ★ What a Girl Wants ('03, Comedy-Drama) Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth.				★ What a Girl Wants ('03) Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth.		
Showtime	Dark Skies	★★ Delivery Man ('13, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt. CC				★★★ Silver Linings Playbook	
Spike	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
Starz	6:55 ★★ The Monuments Men ('14) George Clooney. iTV.			★★★ About Last Night ('14) Kevin Hart. iTV. CC			Something's
SyFy	:00 ★ Babylon A.D. ('08) Vin Diesel, Michelle Yeoh.			★★ The Scorpion King ('02, Adventure) The Rock, Steven Brand.			
TBS	Seinfeld CC	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Undercurrent ('46)	★★★ Father Goose ('64, Comedy) Cary Grant, Leslie Caron. CC				:15 ★★★ Houseboat ('58) CC	
TMC	★★ Four Brothers	★★★ Django Unchained ('12, Western) Jamie Foxx. An ex-slave and a German bounty hunter roam America's South. CC					
TNT	:00 Castle	Major Crimes CC		Major Crimes (N)		Major Crimes CC	
Travel	Bizarre	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Booze Traveler (N)	
TV Land	Walker, Tex. Ranger		FamFeud	FamFeud	Raymond	King	King
USA	It Takes a Choir (N)	WWE Monday Night RAW Edge & Christian are back and in charge! From Washington, D.C. (N) (L) CC					
VH1	Daddy	Love & Hip Hop		★★★ Baby Boy ('01) Tyrese Gibson.			
WGN-A	Funny Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos CC		America's Funniest Home Videos CC		How I Met	How I Met

New forms of vaccines offer promising results

DEAR DOCTOR K: You've written many columns about vaccines. Can you explain how they work?

DEAR READER: A vaccine prompts your immune system to build immunity against a particular germ. It mimics what would happen naturally if the germ entered your body. In order to understand how vaccines work, though, it helps to understand how your body's immune system works.

When disease germs enter your body, they grow and multiply. Immune system cells recognize these germs as "not you." One way your immune system protects you against infection is by making proteins called antibodies. The antibodies attach themselves to the germs. This signal causes other cells of the immune system to kill the germs.

When the immune system fights an infection for the first time, it creates "memory cells." If you are ever infected by that germ again, the memory cells recognize it and initiate a rapid attack on it.

So that's how your immune system responds to a real infection. Vaccines also provoke an immune response. But there is one essential difference – there's no harmful germ involved. Instead, the vaccine contains a recognizable but harmless version of the germ. When you're vaccinated, your immune system is fooled into thinking that the germ has invaded your body. Your immune system responds by making antibodies and memory cells – but without making you sick first.

There are two main types of vaccines:

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

■ **Live attenuated vaccines** contain weakened forms of a specific disease-causing germ. The weakened virus multiplies rapidly. This prompts a full-scale immune response. Not everyone can safely get a live attenuated vaccine. People with weak immune systems, for example, usually shouldn't get a live attenuated vaccine. That's because there is a small chance it could cause a mild version of the disease. What for most people would be a harmless, weak germ is for them a potentially harmful germ.

■ **Inactivated vaccines** are made by killing disease-causing germs with heat, chemicals or radiation. There is no chance that an inactivated vaccine can cause the disease it is intended to prevent. A killed virus can't multiply. As a result, the antibody response is limited compared to a live attenuated vaccine. Some inactivated vaccines require one or more "booster" shots to maintain immunity.

Some vaccines, like the flu shot, are available in both live and inactivated versions. Vaccines for other diseases, such as the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, are available only in the live attenuated form.

In recent years, new types of vaccines have been developed. Whereas most vaccines use proteins from a germ, DNA vaccines include the sequence of the germ's DNA that directs cells to make a particular protein.

Such vaccines may have a longer-lasting effect than traditional vaccines, and are relatively inexpensive to use in developing nations.

An even more recent type of vaccine uses a harmless virus to carry DNA that directs the production of specific antibodies against HIV. Mice whose immune cells were replaced with human immune cells were given the vaccine, and then exposed to HIV.

The antibodies the mice were making against HIV protected them from infection by HIV.

Vaccines, one of the most important medical technologies ever developed, are taking new forms, with very promising results.

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.

Readers add their 2 cents on gender-related biases

While I'm away, readers give the advice.

On having a column's worth of reasons to get over gender-related hangups:

I am that fourth child. My parents had three girls, and Dad wanted a boy. He got his wish, and my poor sisters paid dearly. My father was loving and caring and my Little League coach. My sisters have a very different description of him, and it is nowhere near as positive. – **Anonymous**

As a teacher starting my 31st year of school, I encourage all adults to stop stereotyping wonderful things our children love. That pink is for girls, blue is for boys is the most ridiculous of all.

People teach kids to discriminate through these types of awful examples: trucks are for boys, dolls are for girls; boys are tough, girls are sugar and spice and everything nice; girls want to be princesses, boys want to be action heroes ... it's really more damaging than people realize. Gender stereotypes like these lead to racial discrimination, dampen creativity, mess with kids ideas of feminine/masculine behaviors and can lead to bullying. One letter-writer worried that a nephew would be teased for having a My Little Pony lunchbox, and that can only happen if we've drilled into 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-year-old kids that boys can't love wonderfully imaginative and colorful unicorns.

Carolyn Hax

Please people, let kids enjoy all the beauty and wonder of this world and quit restricting them based on arbitrarily assigned gender preferences. – **Teacher Tired of Silly Stereotypes**

My dad was very vocal about wanting me to be a boy. I never remember being hugged, sitting on his lap or being told I was loved. All this went to my younger brother. They even said in front of me when I was 6 or 7, "It was a shame he wasn't the girl, since he was so pretty." I am 72 and my entire life I have known I was worthless. Children hear and remember. – **Unwanted in Kentucky**

When my parents finally got their gender preference (my brother), they ignored both my sister and me. It tore up the family. The pain and therapy cost money and time, while my brother got new cars and all sorts of items from them. My parents are idiots, plain and simple. – **T.**

Can't believe that antiquated tradition of "giving her away" is still with us. My daughters, both modern, professional women, came "down the aisle" on the arm of the man they were there to marry. They were both responsible adults and no one had to be "given away."

Their bio-dad and stepdad were both with the guests. I might add the girls had also decided not to wear white. The last time they did was at their baptism. Can we please move forward? – **E.K.**

The day I found out I was carrying my third daughter, my older two girls, 8 and 6, were with me. When the midwife announced the news, we were all surprised. My 6-year-old was utterly silent until she said, in the car on the way home, "I really wanted a brother, but the important thing is, it's a baby." Out of the mouths of babes. – **Texas**

Whenever anyone asked my husband if he wanted a boy or a girl, he answered "yes." – **E.**

Crossword

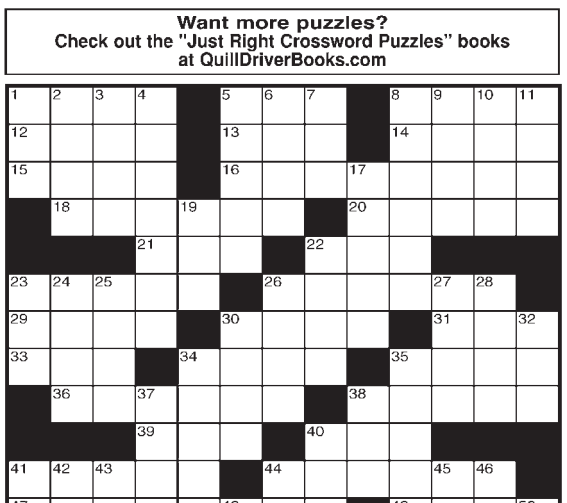
ACROSS
1 Be overfond
5 Ventilate
8 PIN prompters
12 Movie lioness
13 Freight unit
14 Far East cuisine
15 Not Dems.
16 Commute time (2 wds.)
18 Horus' dad
20 Strange
21 Airport posting
22 Clamor
23 Steed
26 Tightened one's lips
29 Not much (2 wds.)
30 Foxes' digs
31 Diner staple
33 Martini base
34 Goose formations
35 Billie — King
36 Richer, as batter
38 Ship bottoms
39 Zodiac beast
40 Drag race participant
41 Foundry output
44 Secret meetings
47 Verified (2 wds.)
49 Time periods
51 Fuel cartel
52 Smattering
53 Meditation method
54 Kind of pool
55 Signs off on
56 Mr. Getz

DOWN
1 Van — Waals force
2 Dairy-case buy
3 Kitchen meas.
4 Least hard
5 Courtyards
6 Debt memos
7 ER personnel
8 Acropolis site
9 Explorer — Heyerdahl
10 Molokai neighbor
11 Your Majesty
17 Inheritors
19 AAA suggestion
22 Sends a bill collector
23 With, to Shakespeare
24 Tony kin
25 Onion goody
26 Gaze
27 Thrust-and-parry sword
28 Gauge
30 Regard as
32 Annapolis grad
34 Perfume bottles
35 Milk cows
37 Corinth's country
38 Jay successor
40 Gangs of workers
41 Haze plus
42 Gift-wrapping need
43 Perfect place
44 Journey
45 Run slowly
46 Epic
48 Roswell crasher
50 — Andreas Fault

Answer to Previous Puzzle

K	O	H	L			D	A	M	P		T	A	M
A	R	E	A			O	G	R	E		A	R	I
L	I	N	K			G	A	S	P	E	D	A	L
E	O	C	E	N	E				S	L	A	B	S
		N	E	R	O			S	I	B			
				S	T	I	C	K		O	H	I	O
M	O	P		E	D	I	E		W	O	O	F	
I	D	E	A		Y	A	W	L		C	U	T	
N	E	W	S		L	O	S	E	R				
			S	O	L			V	A	S	T		
C	I	D	E	R			O	Y	S	T	E	R	
P	O	R	T	A	G	E	D		H	A	H	A	
A	W	E		T	O	N	I		E	V	E	N	
S	A	G		E	P	E	E		R	E	E	K	

Want more puzzles?
Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com



12-29 © 2014 UFS, Dist. by Universal Uclick for UFS

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VOIME

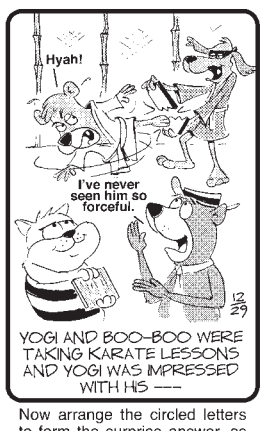
AKYKA

DACROW

PIMSYK

©2014 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app



YOGI AND BOO-BOO WERE TAKING KARATE LESSONS AND YOGI WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS ---

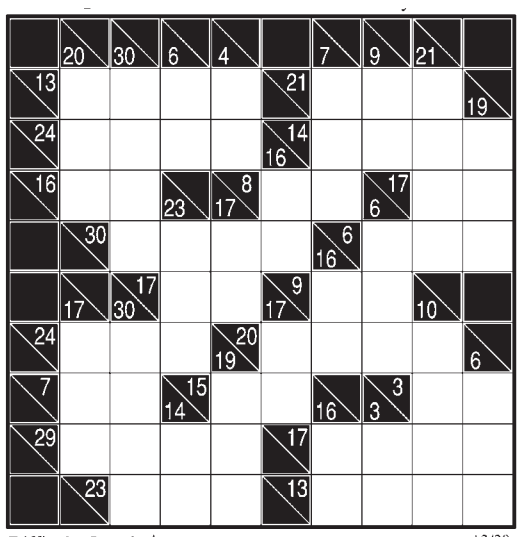
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CABIN OPERA DOODLE OUTAGE
Answer: The wide receiver's wedding day featured a — GOOD RECEPTION

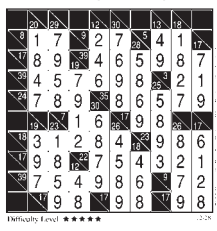
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★ 12/29

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Sebastian Bach, a Canadian heavy metal singer, said, "So, it ended up being what you have there, seven songs brand new and 10 live songs, which is a good mix."

It is not often a good mix at the bridge table when 10 tricks are required and only seven trumps are held, especially when those trumps are divided 4-3. But if you try to find 10 winners, maybe a successful line will be apparent.

In this deal, South is in four spades. West leads the heart ace and continues with the heart king. What should declarer do?

West would normally have held an eight-card suit for his four-heart opening, but he hoped to silence his opponents. North had too many points to pass and nothing better to do than double. If South had passed, the penalty would have been 500 for down two. But hoping that his partner had four-card spade support, he advanced with four spades.

South ruffed the second heart, cashed his spade ace, and led a spade to dummy's queen. West's discard caused declarer to deliberate for a few moments.

South eventually realized that he needed to take these 10 tricks: three clubs, two diamonds and five trumps.

Declarer cashed dummy's diamond ace-king and club king-queen, then played a club to his ace. When East had to follow suit, South ruffed a club with dummy's spade king and called for the heart nine.

If East had ruffed high with his spade jack, declarer would have discarded; and when East threw his last diamond, South ruffed for his 10th trick via a coup en passant.

North 12-29-14
♠ K Q 8
♥ 9 8 4
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 5

West
♠ 3
♥ A K Q J 10 7 6
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 9 4

East
♠ J 9 5 4 2
♥ 5 2
♦ Q J 8
♣ J 10 6

South
♠ A 10 7 6
♥ 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A 8 7 3 2

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	4♥	Dbl.	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Sudoku

Difficulty: 2 (of 5)

			1			8		
7	1			4				5
		3	9		8			6
3		5	4					9
	8				9			
9			3		5	2	6	
				6	7	5	3	
8	3	2						7
	7				1		2	

12-29-14 ©2014 JFS/KF Dist. by Universal Uclick for UFS

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

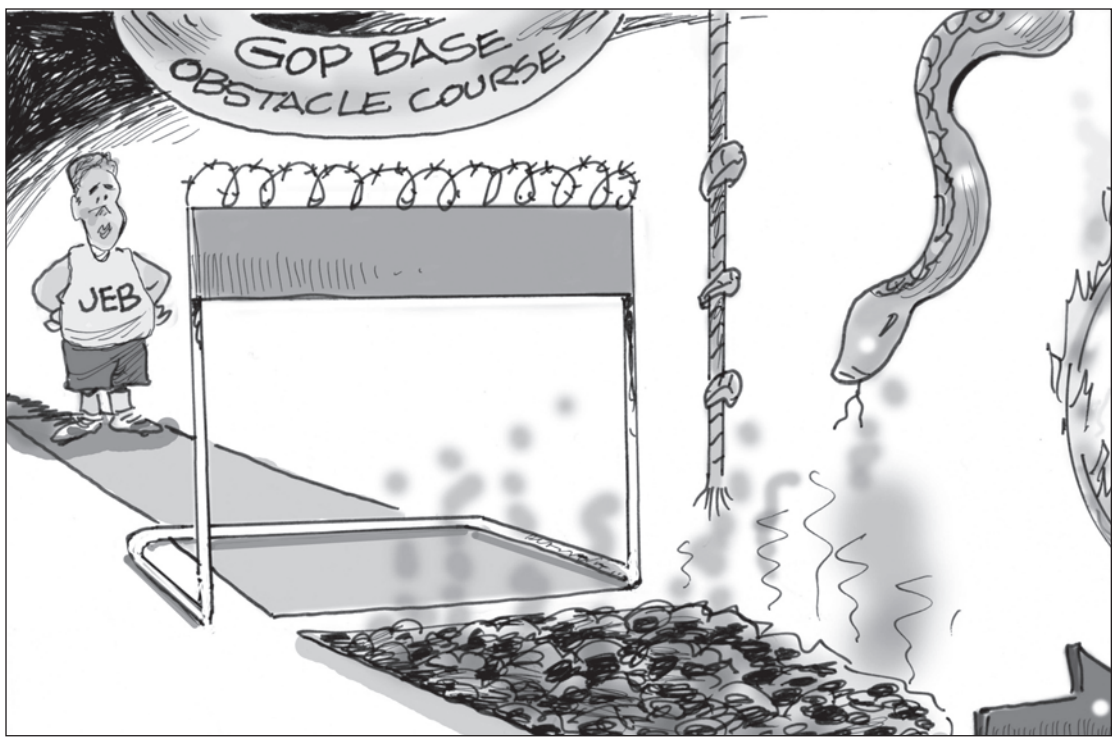
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	5	9	8	2	7	4	3	1
1	2	8	3	6	4	9	5	7
4	7	3	5	9	1	8	2	6
3	8	2	6	5	9	7	1	4
7	9	1	4	8	2	5	6	3
5	4	6	1	7	3	2	9	8
8	6	7	2	3	5	1	4	9
2	3	4	9	1	8	6	7	5
9	1	5	7	4	6	3	8	2

The Herald-Palladium Editorial Board: | DAVID HOLGATE Publisher | DAVE BROWN Managing Editor | STEVE JEWELL News Editor | DALE BREWER Local News Editor | KATIE KRAWCZAK Features Editor

A Jeb Bush candidacy would make race far more exciting

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
The Dallas Morning News (TNS)



It took only hours for Jeb Bush's announcement he will "actively explore" a presidential bid to show the former Florida governor what running for the White House is like these days.

"Jeb's Romneyesque private equity issues make him an appetizing potential opponent for Democrats," said American Bridge 21st Century, a pro-Democratic group that monitors Republican candidates.

The conservative Heritage Foundation's Daily Signal warned Bush's support for the Common Core education standards, against which the GOP right has campaigned, "threatens to overshadow his likely campaign."

And Bush hasn't even decided to run. Still, last week's announcement and his disclosure that he'll release thousands of emails from his gubernatorial tenure, make his final decision pretty evident.

While it's soon to label anyone the Republican front-runner, his prospective candidacy is the most significant move to date in the GOP presidential race.

At the least, Bush is likely to be a major player in that race. If he runs, 2012 nominee Mitt Romney probably won't. And more than most likely hopefuls, the latest heir to the Bush political dynasty has the potential to go all the way.

But he faces at least four potential roadblocks:

■ Would a third President Bush be one too many?

His older brother, George W. Bush, benefited from good memories about his father, President George H. W. Bush, and some retroactive regrets he had been denied a second term.

Some of that remains, though brother George's legacy is decidedly more mixed: he got the United States enmeshed in Iraq and presided over the onset of the Great Recession. But public feeling toward him has improved, helped by his successor's unpopularity and his own classy post-presidential demeanor.

It's hard to tell if Bush 41's woes will prevent the Bushes from becoming the first American family with three presidents. But any potential dynasty problem may be lessened by the prospective candidacy of Hillary Clinton.

■ Can he survive an ever faster and more treacherous nominating process?

Bush last faced voters in 2002, a dozen years ago. The speed of everything political has increased substantially in the age of Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, and the Internet has enabled anyone to discover and publicize a candidate's flaws and missteps.

Candidates generally underestimate the big contrast between running statewide, even in a competitive one like Florida, and running nationally. That must be multiplied several times in Bush's case.

In last year's book tour, he looked rusty, prone to giving imprecise answers about his own views. He'll have to do better as a candidate.

■ How damaging is his support for Common Core, comprehensive immigration reform and possible tax increases to cut the deficit, all three outside the current GOP mainstream?

We'll learn pretty fast, from how his rivals raise these issues and Republican voters react. He won't be the favorite candidate of the Tea Party and its conservative GOP allies.

But every Republican race has room for a more moderate candidate, and they often win the nomination – John McCain 2008, Romney 2012. Though Bush was a solidly conservative governor, he may benefit from the contrast between his low-key demeanor and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's bluster or fellow Floridian Marco Rubio's rabid neo-conservatism.

Past races suggest Bush, like Romney in 2012, could do surprisingly well in the conservative-dominated Iowa caucuses, since the votes of the roughly two-thirds who traditionally back conservatives may split far more ways than those of the one-third who back moderates.

■ Will his complex financial holdings undercut his candidacy as happened to Romney?

Joshua Green's account in Bloomberg Businessweek of his financial activities raised that very question, especially his overseas investments.

But he's running as a Bush, not as a businessman, so it's possible only improprieties would hurt.

While those factors may hurt, other aspects might help. For example, his more moderate position on immigration and his past appeal to Hispanics may create problems for Democrats.

"I think he would be the toughest guy for us," former National Chairman Howard Dean told The Washington Post.

That view is widely held. But first, Bush will have to survive the landmines along the Republican nominating road.

Carl P. Leubsdorf is the former Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News. His email is: carl.p.leubsdorfgmail.com.

Obama, Ryan should team up to fight poverty

By JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service (TNS)

In this holiday season, let's suppose what might strike some as a miracle, that our Democratic president and a Republican Congress will soon join forces to do something wondrously humane. Let's suppose they agree to do what actually works to help shove poverty off the American map.

Jay Ambrose

We've already had truly effective action in bits and pieces. One significant actor has been President George W. Bush, largely unappreciated as the hero he is for starting a program dramatically reducing homelessness.

He heeded someone who had been working with the homeless for decades and had discovered through first-hand observation that the best answer for their plight was to place them in apartments immediately. This enabled service agencies to offer assistance that counted for something and saved tax money used for more expensive group shelters and such matters as frequent emergency room visits.

The Bush administration, which worked with agreeable localities throughout the country to implement the program, saw amazing results. Over a period from 2005 to 2007, homelessness figures went down by almost a third. Even during the early years of the recent recession, this "Housing First" idea is reported to have shrunk homelessness by another 19 percent. President Barack Obama helped out. He in effect gave Bush a cheer by keeping the effort alive and buzzing.

Obama himself deserves kudos for that and still more for his insistence on demonstrated evidence of effectiveness as a criterion of deciding what social programs to fund.

Such decisions have too often been based on constituency-pleasing politics or genuinely good intentions sadly bereft of astute analysis. Ron Haskins, a Brookings Institution scholar with a Republican background and someone who co-authored a book on the subject ("Show Me the Evidence"), sees enormous potential in using testing as a means of determining what to improve, what to keep the way it is or what to expand.

Many agree that it is absolutely splendid to proceed this way, but some wonder how effective it will be. A Heritage Foundation fellow, David Muhlhausen, has written that just a tiny part of the whole is being tested and that hundreds of billions are still being wasted. He's dubious that much that's useless will go away and is cited as arguing for more involvement by states and localities. All of this brings us to Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee and his plan to do strikingly more on the poverty front.

Just like Obama, he wants to test for what works but would do it in a way that could far more likely lead to widespread improvements. He would let states and local governments innovate with a fund consolidated from a variety of different federal welfare programs to help people find work while also assisting them and being constantly watched by third-parties. If at first they did not succeed, they would have to try again another way. Haskins is also excited by this plan and what it would do simultaneously: address the infamy of our mass incarceration rates, banish regulations that themselves banish opportunity, take steps to improve education and boost tax credits for working people.

What we need is for Obama and Ryan to begin a process of negotiation and compromise, with Obama bringing more Democrats aboard as Ryan brings more Republicans aboard until finally there is widespread concurrence that would give the disadvantaged a major boost and give the country a far better future.

Hopeful signs? The White House has already sent queries to Ryan about his plan, both sides seem to have at least somewhat similar ideas about cutting corporate welfare to pay extra costs, and Ryan has advised the GOP to prove itself more through positive actions than by slamming Obama. We also once had another Democratic president named Bill Clinton who reformed welfare beneficially in cooperation with a Republican Congress. Pray for the best.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service. His email is: speaktojayaol.com

Letters

Low gas prices are proof that free markets work

Editor,

For all of you fine people out there who openly scoffed at the idea of "Drill Baby Drill!" back when gasoline was over $4 a gallon, I have one question: Have you seen the price of gas at the pump lately?

You see, despite what you've been told and despite what you'd like to believe, free markets, unfettered capitalism and the good old fashioned laws of supply and demand really do work. Furthermore, all of this was accomplished not because of, but in spite of, any federal involvement.

I also have to wonder, are all of you people who were only too glad to vilify the oil companies for their selfishness and greed in the past, now going to praise them for their hard work and generosity in bringing these prices back down?

No? I didn't think so.

Dave Goodyear
Coloma

Another opinion

Politics, not science, driving Obama's climate agenda

During a visit to California earlier this year, President Barack Obama linked the lengthy drought there to climate change. "A changing climate means that weather-related disasters like droughts, wildfires, storms, floods are potentially going to be costlier and they're going to be harsher," he said.

But scientists, led by those in the federal government, say climate change had nothing to do with the Golden State drought. A report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration lays the blame on natural variations in the weather – not climate change.

In fact, NOAA's Martin Hoerling suggested the drought may be an argument against accepting some climate change predictions. Weather events in California for three winters are "not the conditions that climate change models say would happen," he noted.

Will Obama heed the scientists he is so fond of claiming support his climate change agenda? Don't bet on it – because for Obama, it is the politics that are really settled.

– The Alpena News

Movie explores the thin line between delusion and genius

By MICHAEL GERSON
The Washington Post

The movie "The Imitation Game" has revived deserved interest in Alan Turing, the eccentric genius of Bletchley Park who helped create the marvelous machine that broke Nazi codes and hastened the end of World War II.

The film itself is worth seeing, in the sense that any movie involving Keira Knightley and the defeat of the Third Reich is worth seeing. But the vehicle she shares with Benedict Cumberbatch (who gives a justly praised performance as Turing) is too worshipful for some tastes, including mine. This is the type of biopic that religious people make about heroes of the faith. In this case, Turing was the gay, atheistic, anti-war vanquisher of the Nazis. And he was a martyr of sorts, cruelly subjected to chemical castration for homosexual activity. He died by suicide at age 41.

This is a distinctly modern version of hagiography. But it still tends to miniaturize rather than magnify.

Cumberbatch plays Turing somewhere on the Asperger side of the autism spectrum – compulsively separating his peas from his carrots, socially inept and obsessively focused on a visionary object. Posthumous psychiatric diagnosis is a tricky business (given that diagnosis of the living is a tricky business). But it seems clear that Turing, if he lived today as a 12-year-old boy, might be aggressively medicated in a very different way.

"The Imitation Game," however, asserts a strong connection between Turing's eccentricity and his brilliance. The association of scientific or artistic genius with unconventional behavior is hardly new. Aristotle suggested a connection between creativity and depression. Isaac Newton, who displayed a rich variety of mental disorders, once stuck a needle behind his eye socket just for the heck of it. The honor roll of creative genius – Beethoven, Byron, Tolstoy, Van Gogh, Schrodinger, Godel, Turing – is often a story of obsession, compulsion, melancholy and mania.

There are, no doubt, happy, well-adjusted geniuses, puttering around their gardens and playing bridge with their neighbors. And manic or depressive illness is less romantic outside the movies. It is often life-consuming and horrible. But the association of genius with some mental disorder does not seem to be a myth. "When a superior intellect and a psychopathic temperament coalesce," argued William James, "in the same individual, we have the best possible condition for the kind of effective genius that gets into the biographical dictionaries." A study by British psychologist Felix Post asserted a strong historical correlation between creative distinction and mental disorder, with the highest levels of psychopathology found among writers. Which may also explain the mental challenges faced by editors.

This connection appears to have a basis in neuroscience. Psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman, blogging for Scientific American, summarizes the research that "the siblings of patients with autism and the first-degree relatives of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and anorexia nervosa were significantly overrepresented in creative professions." This presents the prospect that a milder version of mental illness is conducive to creativity. And the mechanism may be a form of disinhibition – a failure of the brain to screen out extraneous information that is then combined in original ways. "A reduced latent inhibition," says Kaufman, "allows us to treat something as novel, no matter how many times we've seen it before and tagged it as irrelevant." The lightning strike of insight seems to come in a mental storm of stimuli.

So there may be a thin line between delusion and creativity. And, as "The Imitation Game" argues, a society often benefits from allowing space for nonconformity.

This presents something of a challenge for conservatives. A broad adherence to social convention is important for a just and stable society. But there is clearly some tie between human progress and the rejection of social and intellectual convention. The existence of norms is essential to social cohesion; the creative violation of norms is essential to social advancement.

The West has often gotten this balance right over the centuries (as opposed to, say, an overwhelmingly traditional society such as imperial China). In our culture (as in any other), tradition and religion reinforce social order. But an integral part of this tradition and religion is the priority of conscience, which sometimes dramatically overturns that order. This is the power of putting the individual at the center of the moral order and building everything, including community, on the foundation of individual dignity.

The room for nonconformity, it turns out, is also the room for genius.

Michael Gerson is a columnist for The Washington Post.

Follow us on Twitter
Managing Editor Dave Brown
@HPEditor
Local News Editor Dale Brewer
@HPBrewer

Widespread problems on Rikers Island tough to fix

By JAKE PEARSON
Associated Press

Elise Amendola / AP

Terri Scroggins holds the memorial program for her fiance, Victor Woods, at her home in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood earlier this month. Woods, who had struggled with heroin addiction for years, was being held on a drug possession charge at New York City's Rikers Island jail when he began shaking violently and convulsing. He died hours later.

NEW YORK — Victor Woods shook uncontrollably, his body wracked by convulsions, as fellow inmates held him in their arms and shouted for help.

Amid the chaos inside a Rikers Island dormitory, surveillance video showed a lone figure of relative calm: a guard watching it all unfold as he sipped a cup of coffee.

"I'm not touching him," the guard was quoted by inmates as saying.

Within hours, Woods, a 53-year-old unemployed tunnel worker who had been arrested a week before on heroin possession charges, was dead. What exactly killed him remains under investigation, as are inmate claims that guards and medical workers took up to 20 minutes to start helping him.

Woods was the seventh inmate to die in 2014 at Rikers, a sprawling complex of lockups built on an old waste dump near LaGuardia Airport where this year startling disclosures of guard misconduct, inmate beatings and the gruesome deaths of inmate after inmate have slipped from behind the barbed wire.

In March, The Associated Press began detailing dozens of deaths – from a homeless ex-Marine who essentially baked to death in a hot cell to a mentally ill man who sexually mutilated himself. In other cases, procedures meant to prevent suicides weren't followed. More deaths left doubts about the quality and timeliness of prisoner health care.

City, state and federal authorities responded to those and other news reports with oversight hearings, investigations and a pledge of millions toward a massive overhaul.

Yet Woods died at the height of all this scrutiny. The circumstances and scene on the video were recounted to the AP by three city officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't permitted to discuss the investigation.

The case is one more sign that the problems on Rikers Island – decades in the making – may take just as long to correct.

"There's no silver bullet for fixing Rikers," said Martin Horn, the commissioner of city jails from 2003 to 2009. "I always say running a jail is like growing a garden. If you turn your back on it, the weeds take over."

Mere miles from New York City's skyscrapers, Rikers Island sits by itself in the East River, a 10-jail facility where an average of 11,000 inmates a night – men, women and youth – are held on charges ranging from trespassing to murder.

Inside the "houses," as the jail dorms are called, inmates sleep side-by-side out in the open or in other, more restrictive individual cinderblock cells. The halls are filled with a pungent mix of odors from sewage backups and cigarette smoke.

"It's a world on its own there," said Marcell Neal, who was released in October after spending 35 days on a parole violation for failing to report an address change. He'd previously been convicted on gun possession and assault charges.

It is also a world where violence reigns and both guards and gangs rule – and change of any sort comes at a glacial pace, if at all.

Just this month, federal authorities probing guards' use of force against teenage inmates sued the city to institute reforms at Rikers, saying jail officials had been "deliberately indifferent" to the situation for years.

Indeed, since the early 1980s, six class-action lawsuits have been filed claiming brutality by guards, resulting in court orders to install surveillance cameras and rewrite use-of-force policies.

Jail statistics show use-of-force incidents are up. Inmate stabbings and slashings have more than doubled in the last four years alone, to 88 in fiscal 2014. The system, said jails commissioner Joseph Ponte, "just doesn't work to keep our staff and inmates safe."

A surging mentally ill population has further strained the system.

The crisis of the mentally ill on Rikers came into focus this year after the AP reported the death of Jerome Murdough, a former Marine on psychotropic medication who died of hyperthermia while locked inside a 101-degree cell in February on a trespassing charge. A guard accused of skipping her rounds was charged with falsifying a logbook to make it look as though she'd checked on the 56-year-old homeless man.

Five months before Murdough's death, in another case revealed by the AP, a mentally ill and diabetic inmate died after spending seven straight days in an observation unit. Bradley Ballard, who was locked up alone without his medication after making a lewd gesture at a guard, flooded his cell and tied a rubber band around his genitals.

A series of reports about other inmate deaths followed, spotlighting questionable medical care and suicides that might have been prevented but for missteps including the improper distribution of medication.

At the root of some of these cases is a tension between the two agencies charged with overseeing the inmate population. Health officials call Rikers residents "patients," while correction officers largely don't buy that so many inmates really are mentally ill, believing many fake it to avoid being sent to solitary confinement.

"You get inmates that can get one over on Sigmund Freud. They're that good," said Jim Garvey, who in a 30-year career rose from a correction officer at Rikers to a department chief.

Others point to recent management turnovers that left less-qualified staff in charge and long-entrenched attitudes among the 9,000 officers who patrol the complex.

"For years the staff there was told the people in Rikers don't matter and that what they do doesn't matter," said Horn. "How do you get that workforce to do its job?"

Norman Seabrook, head of the city's correction officers' union, said he wants to be proactive in changing the culture at Rikers. "I expect nothing less from my members," he said.

But he's quick to remind critics that his officers are also "doing time" when they report for duty. Every day a union official sends out an email that notes how many guards were attacked with feces, urine or blood – and how many wound up in the emergency room.

Mayor Bill de Blasio insists that progress is being made in the effort to reform Rikers. Some $32.5 million has been approved for mental health services and more housing, and he's pledged $130 million more over four years to divert nonviolent people with behavioral disorders to treatment instead of jail.

Correctional staff have been replaced, and more security cameras installed.

Obituaries

Violet F. Scott

Violet F. Scott, 82, of South Haven, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at the Countryside Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in South Haven. She was born June 15, 1932 to Felix and Adeline (Mrugac) Wyszynski in Lacota, Mich. She married Robert Scott on June 27, 1953 in South Haven.

SCOTT

She is preceded in death, along with her parents, by her husband Robert Scott; two sisters, Loretta Schurr and Genevieve Johnson; three brothers, Adolph, Phil and Edward; and son-in-law Dennis E. Hammond.

Violet is survived by her children: Robert (Teri) Scott of South Haven, Barbara (Dan) Olsen of Grand Junction, and Debbie Hammond of Lawton; three sisters: Mamie Steinmiller, Dorothy Getman, and Lillian Valind, all of South Haven; five grandchildren: Steven, Dennis II, and Amber Hammond; Brian Lee Scott, and Bobby D. Olsen; and six great grandchildren: Austin, Connor, Dillan, Lorna, Kenndric, and Natalie Hammond.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at the St. Basil Catholic Church, with Rev. Father Robert Flickinger officiating. Violet will be laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery in South Haven. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guestbook at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven, 637-0333.

Edward L. Rogers

Edward L. Rogers, 77, of Three Oaks, Mich. died Saturday morning, Dec. 27, 2014 at LaPorte Hospital.

Ed was born June 1, 1937 in Michigan City, Ind. He retired in 1997 from River Valley High School.

Survivors include his wife, Ellie; sons, Rick of Sugar Hill, Ga. and Craig of Three Oaks; his granddaughter Paige; and brother Gary (Ruth) Rogers of Kentwood, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved grandparents, Oma and Bill Jackson; and sister Donna Newman.

Memorial visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. today, Monday, Dec. 29, 2014 at Pobocik Funeral Home in Three Oaks. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Three Oaks United Methodist Church or the Three Oaks Public Library.

To leave a tribute online, please visit www.pobocik.com.

Bill J. Hart

Bill J. Hart, 82, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

HART

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec 31, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor, with Rev. Dean Pickett officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Bill was born on Jan 24, 1932 in Blytheville, Ark. to Thomas and Nellie Hart. He married his wife, Carol Kirby, in 1980 and together they have celebrated 34 years of marriage. Bill was a painter for over 50 years in the area. He enjoyed watching old classic movies, going hunting, and fishing and traveling with his family - especially to Arkansas to see his family there. Bill was a jokester. He was a loving, giving and kind individual to his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his children: Shaun Hart of Benton Harbor, Ashley Hart of Benton Harbor, Tara Rhoades of Benton Harbor, Anna Simpson of Coloma and Dan Hart of Flint; his stepdaughter, Cindy Barrick of Winter Haven, Fla.; his sisters, Opal Kinchen of Eau Claire and Mary Jones of Rector, Ark.; his brother, Leroy Hart of Ky.; and his three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Suzie Wagner; and his stepson, Larry Barrick Jr.

Joan M. VanDerAue

Joan M. VanDerAue, 81, of St. Joseph passed away on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014. Arrangements have been entrusted with Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home in St. Joseph, Mich.

VANDERAUE

Joan was born in Benton Harbor, Mich. on March 10, 1933 to Joseph and Elsie (Zupke) Katowich. On Oct. 4, 1952 in St. Joseph she married Lynn Myles VanDerAue. Joan worked at the Coca Cola Bottling Co. in St. Joseph, and also at Cedarwood Medical Center as a bookkeeper, retiring in 1998 after 18 years of service. She was a lifetime member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in St. Joseph.

Joan leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving husband Lynn; her two children: Janice (James) Sanders of St. Joseph, and Thomas (Judy) VanDerAue of St. Joseph; three grandchildren: Benjamin Sanders of St. Joseph, Thomas Sanders of Las Vegas and Kyle VanDerAue of St. Joseph; a brother, James Katowich of Sodus; and a sister-in-law, Sandra Katowich of South Bend. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elsie, and a brother, Joseph.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. at Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Rev. B. Gordon Barry officiating. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 3-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Joan's final resting place will be at North Shore Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the donors' choice. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Barbara Ann Burns

Barbara Ann Burns, 81, of Benton Harbor died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, at the Hanson Hospice Center in Lincoln Township.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor, with Rev. Horace Boone officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Barbara was born on March 7, 1933 in Toledo, Ohio, to Ralph and Rose Cromer. She married her husband, Ray Burns, in April of 1951 and together they celebrated 63 years of marriage. She was a member of the Living Stone Church of God. She enjoyed baking cakes and decorating them for many different occasions. She was a very caring individual, and considerate of others. She loved her grandchildren, and her family meant a lot to her. She always kept everyone laughing.

She is survived by her husband, Ray; her children, Darla (Robert) Cole of Niles, Byrd (Rachel) Blanchard of Coloma, and Roger (Shelia) Blanchard of Satsuma, Ala.; her brother, Glenn (Kete) Cromer of Morrilton, Ark.; and her 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Death notices

Carole M. Boothby, 83, of Berrien Springs died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Diana D. McKinney, 58, of Benton Harbor died Friday, Dec. 26, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Family Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 925-9761.

Bennett Leo Schaub, 77, of St. Joseph died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph. 556-9450.

Farmers brace for labor shortage under new policy

By SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Farmers already scrambling to find workers in California – the nation's leading grower of fruits, vegetables and nuts – fear an even greater labor shortage under President Barack Obama's executive action to block some 5 million people from deportation.

Thousands of the state's farmworkers, who make up a significant portion of those who will benefit, may choose to leave the uncertainty of their seasonal jobs for steady, year-around work building homes, cooking in restaurants and cleaning hotel rooms.

"This action isn't going to bring new workers to agriculture," said Jason Resnick, vice president and general counsel of the powerful trade association Western Growers. "It's possible that because of this action, agriculture will lose workers without any mechanism to bring in new workers."

Although details of the president's immigration policy have yet to be worked out, Resnick said the agricultural workforce has been declining for a decade. Today, the association estimates there is a 15 to 20 percent shortage of farmworkers, which is driving the industry to call for substantial immigration reform from Congress, such as a sound guest worker program.

"Hopefully there will be the opportunity for comprehensive immigration reform," said Karen Ross, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. "That's the right thing to do for this country."

California's 330,000 farmworkers account for the largest share of the 2.1 million nationwide, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Texas comes in a distant second with less than half of California's farmworkers.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Assistant Local News Editor Jim Dalgleish at 429-1293.

50 & over?
Save big when you insure both your car and home with us, through Auto-Owners Insurance!
Stop in, or call us today for a "No Problem"® insurance check-up.

Bill, JoAnn & Dan
METZGER INSURANCE
4146 M-139 • St. Joseph, MI
269-429-3160
Auto-Owners Insurance
Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business

Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1989

Tim Mammina says he has no intention of moving Mammina's Bar from Benton Harbor. The family-run Territorial Road eatery has served the "best burgers in town" to customers from all walks of life for more than 50 years. Mammina says he plans several improvements to the Benton Harbor landmark.

Arthur Hawkins of Benton Harbor has been reappointed to represent the Disabled American Veterans on the Berrien County Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Committee.

35 years ago – 1979

Donna Green of Coloma received a solid-gold Mexican 50-peso piece at Zantiago restaurant in St. Joseph Wednesday after she guessed within 12 cents the price of gold in a contest sponsored by the restaurant. David Kettlehut, Zantiago assistant manager, presented the coin, valued at about $550, to Green. Green guessed that the price of gold on the Paris free market would be $457.01 on Dec. 12, and the actual price of gold per ounce on Dec. 12 was $457.13.

50 years ago – 1964

Memorial Hospital continues to serve far more patients than its designers anticipated when the St. Joseph hospital was opened in 1949. Administrator Robert Bradburn noted in a year-end report that Memorial's occupancy continues to be above national and state averages, while the average length of stay in the St. Joseph hospital is shorter.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 2014. There are two days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

On this date:

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who'd wielded great influence with Czar Nicholas II, was killed by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

In 1939, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara, was released by RKO Radio Pictures.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Possible	Snow Possible	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
32º	23º	26º / 17º	22º / 19º	26º / 21º	31º / 27º

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 32º, humidity of 74%. Light winds. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 23º. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:13 a.m.
Sunset	5:22 p.m.
Moonrise	1:02 p.m.
Moonset	1:26 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
1/4	1/13	1/20	1/26

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High	35º
Low	32º
Normal High	31º
Normal Low	20º
Record High	65º in 1984
Record Low	-3º in 2000

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.44"
Normal month to date	2.47"
Year to date	26.55"
Normal year to date	36.80"

Air Quality

Yesterday..... 21
Main Offender.....Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

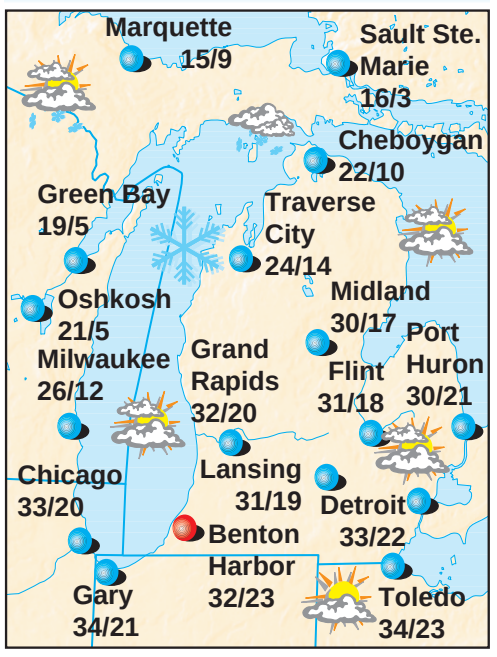
0-50.....Good
51-100.....Moderate
101-150....Sensitive
151-200..Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Why does salt help keep snow from turning to ice?

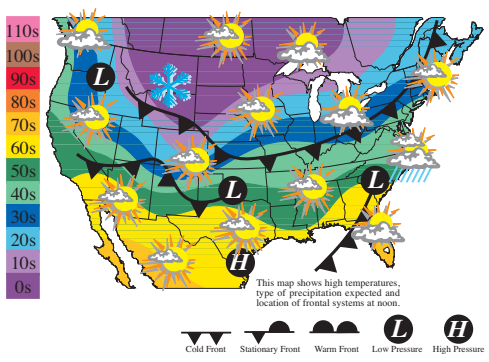
Answer: Salt water needs to be much colder to freeze.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 29, 2014



Lake Michigan

Today, north winds 15 to 20 kt. Chance of snow showers. Waves 3 to 5 ft occasionally to 7 ft. Water temperature 35 degrees. Tonight, north winds 15 to 25 kt. Chance of snow showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy today with scattered snow, highs in the teens. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy to cloudy skies will continue Tuesday.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy t cloudy with highs in the low 30s. North wind 6 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Tuesday with highs in the mid-20s. North wind 6 to 9 mph.

AIRASIA

From page A1

tragic year for air travel in Southeast Asia. The Malaysia-based carrier's loss comes on top of the still-unexplained disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in March and the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 in July over Ukraine.

At the Surabaya airport, passengers' relatives pored over the plane's manifest, crying and embracing. Nias Adityas, a housewife from Surabaya, was overcome with grief when she found the name of her husband, Nanang Priowidodo, on the list.

The 43-year-old tour agent had been taking a family of four on a trip to Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia's Lombok island, and had been happy to get the work.

"He just told me, 'Praise God, this new year brings a lot of good fortune,"' Adityas recalled, holding her grandson tight while weeping uncontrollably.

Nearly all the passengers and crew are Indonesians, who are frequent visitors to Singapore, particularly on holidays.

The Airbus A320 took off Sunday morning from Indonesia's second-largest city and was about halfway to Singapore when it vanished from radar. The jet had been airborne for about 42 minutes.

There was no distress signal from the twin-engine, single-aisle plane, said Djoko Murjatmodjo, Indonesia's acting director general of transportation.

The last communication between the cockpit and air traffic control was at 6:13 a.m. (23:13 GMT Saturday), when one of the pilots "asked to avoid clouds by turning left and going higher to 34,000 feet (10,360 meters)," Murjatmodjo said. The jet was last seen on radar at 6:16 a.m. and was gone a minute later, he told reporters.

Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia launched a search-and-rescue operation near Belitung island in the Java Sea, the area where the airliner lost contact with the ground.

AirAsia group CEO Tony Fernandes flew to Surabaya and told a news conference that the focus for now should be on the search and the families rather than the cause of the incident.

"We have no idea at the moment what went wrong," said Fernandes, a Malaysian businessman who founded the low-cost carrier in 2001. "Let's not speculate at the moment."

Malaysia-based AirAsia has a good safety record and had never lost a plane before.

"This is my worst nightmare," Fernandes tweeted.

But Malaysia itself has already endured a catastrophic year, with 239 people still missing from Flight 370 and all 298 people aboard Flight 17 killed when it was shot down over rebel-held territory in Ukraine.

AirAsia said Flight 8501 was on its submitted flight plan but had requested a change due to weather.

Sunardi, a forecaster at Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency, said dense storm clouds were detected up to 13,400 meters (44,000 feet) in the area at the time.

"There could have been turbulence, lightning and vertical as well as horizontal strong winds within such clouds," said Sunardi, who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

Airline pilots routinely fly around thunderstorms, said John Cox, a former accident investigator. Using on-board radar, flight crews can typically see a storm forming from more than 100 miles away.

In such cases, pilots have plenty of time to find a way around the storm cluster or look for gaps to fly through, he said.

"It's not like you have to make an instantaneous decision," Cox said. Storms can be hundreds of miles long, but "because a jet moves at 8 miles a minute, if you to go 100 miles out of your way, it's not a problem."

It was unclear based on comments from authorities what air traffic controllers saw on their screens when the plane disappeared from radar, he noted.

Authorities have not said whether they lost only the secondary radar target, which is created by the plane's transponder, or whether the primary radar target, which is created by energy reflected from the plane's body, was lost as well, Cox said.

The plane had an Indonesian captain and a French co-pilot, five cabin crew members and 155 passengers, including 16 children and one infant, the airline said in a statement. Among the passengers were three South Koreans, a Malaysian, a British national and his 2-year-old Singaporean daughter. The rest were Indonesians.

AirAsia said the captain more than 20,000 flying hours, of which 6,100 were with AirAisa on the Airbus 320. The first officer had 2,275 flying hours.

Snow a no-show for much of state's Lower Peninsula

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Grand Rapids is going to extremes – from its snowiest November to what could be the least snowy December.

Only three-tenths of an inch of snow has fallen this month in the western Michigan city, The Grand Rapids Press reported. That starkly contrasts with November, which logged 31 inches.

Little or at least less snow has been common this month across the Lower Peninsula. The Detroit Free Press reported that trace amounts have fallen in the area, and it's in the running to be the least snowy Detroit December in 125 years.

"In 1889, there was actually zero for the month," said National Weather Service forecaster Bryan Tilley. "So we're actually closer to that than we are to the four-tenths (of an inch) in 1894."

Detroit gets an average of 9.7 inches of snow in December, and it had 12.3 inches by Dec. 26 one year ago.

Weather service data also showed about an inch had fallen in Muskegon and Lansing.

The lack of snow was hitting some Michigan businesses that depend on it for their livelihood.

"Last year, everybody could justify spending the money on hard goods, and this year we're kind of in a lull," Hannah Kaley, a saleswoman at Don Orr Ski n' Beach Haus told the Traverse City Record-Eagle.

ANTHONY

From page A1

Commission, Planning Commission and City Council, as well as Celebrate Bridgman! and the Gus Macker Tournaments.

"His dedication and enthusiasm for the City of Bridgman is truly appreciated and will be missed," Anderson said.

Anthony began his career in municipal management in 1977 as assistant planning manager for Berrien County. He was then a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in environmental planning, earned after completing military service, including a stint in Vietnam. He later earned a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University.

"It's never about Aaron and his needs. It's always about the community," said Chuck Eckenstahler, who hired Anthony for the county. Now a municipal consultant, he has worked with Anthony on many levels during his own 42-year career with Southwest Michigan governments.

"Aaron always had an understanding of what the community wanted and what the elected leadership was willing to do," Eckenstahler said. "He is always the quiet one in the room while the elected officials do their job. He's understated and many people don't recognize his unique qualities."

Anthony worked for the county for 11 years, ending up as parks planning and public works director. During that time, he oversaw the beginning of Madeline Bertrand County Park, major improvements to Love Creek County Park and a $9 million sewer project.

In 1988, Anthony was recruited by Benton Harbor as assistant manager and economic development director. He helped develop the city's Business Growth Center and attract new businesses.

Allegan was his next stop. He served as city manager from 1991 to 1996 and developed a partnership with and the city's major manufacturer.

Looking ahead to retirement time with his wife, Kelly, Anthony has no plans to move in the near future, preferring to stay close to his two sons, one daughter, four grandkids and five great grandchildren, who all live between Mattawan and Michigan City.

"It would be crazy to move. I'm Michigan born and bred, tired of the winters but not ready to give up Michigan at this point," Anthony said, who spent some time in Florida this month and plans golf and fishing in the spring.

"I'll be down the street if there are any questions, but it's time for new blood," Anthony said.

The city will host an open house for Anthony from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at Weko Beach House. Details and RSVP are available at Bridgman City Hall, (269) 465-5144.

DRONES

From page A1

2012, directed the agency to integrate drones by Sept. 30, 2015, but it's clear the FAA will miss that deadline.

The FAA is expected to propose restricting drones weighing less than 55 pounds to altitudes below 400 feet, forbid nighttime flights and require drones be kept within sight of their operators. Drone operators may also be required to get pilot's licenses, a possibility already drawing fire from critics who say the skills needed to fly a manned aircraft are different from those needed to operate a drone.

Shuster indicated he's concerned that requiring pilot's licenses might be burdensome and unnecessary. And keeping drones within sight of operators would be too strict and limit their usefulness, he said.

The reason for keeping drones within line of sight is that they don't yet have the ability to detect and avoid other aircraft.

AUVSI, the drone industry trade group, recently hired Mark Aitken, former legislative director to Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., as its government relations manager. LoBiondo is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Aviation, which will write the FAA reauthorization bill.

"We're really looking at an incremental approach still," Aitken said. "It's not something that is going to happen overnight."

FAA officials have been working on drone regulations for nearly a decade. The agency twice drafted regulations that were later rejected by the White House or Transportation Department. The FAA has long maintained that unmanned aircraft must meet the same regulations as manned aircraft unless waiving or adjusting those regulations doesn't create a safety risk. However, FAA officials more recently have begun talking about "risk-based" regulations, giving industry officials hope the agency might propose a blanket exemption from regulations for the smallest drones – usually defined as weighing under 5 pounds – as long as operators follow a few basic safety rules. Canadian authorities recently approved a blanket exemption for very small drones.

Congress already is getting pushback from private and commercial pilots who worry about possible collisions. The FAA receives reports nearly every day about drones sighted flying near manned aircraft or airports.

"As a (Boeing) 737 captain, I'll be damned if myself and 178 other people are taken down by a 12-pound or a 50-pound or a 150-pound piece of metal coming through my windshield," said Ben Berman at a recent forum hosted by the Air Line Pilots Association. "There are too many near misses occurring every day like this."

Mark Baker, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, which represents private pilots, said online videos show that "operators are flying near airports, in the clouds and in congested airspace." He called such actions "reckless" and said they will inevitably lead to a collision.

FAA regulations permit recreational users to fly small drones as long as they stay at least 5 miles away from an airport, limit flights to less than 400 feet in altitude, keep the aircraft in line of sight and fly only during the daytime.

Last week, drone industry trade groups teamed up with the FAA and model aircraft hobbyists to launch a safety campaign aimed at amateur drone operations. The campaign includes a website, www.knowbeforeyoufly.com , where operators can find FAA regulations and advice on how to fly safely. The trade groups said they also plan to distribute safety pamphlets at industry events and are working with manufacturers to see that safety information is enclosed inside the package of new drones.

Retailers say small drones, which are indistinguishable from today's more sophisticated model aircraft, were popular gifts this Christmas.

hp SPORTS

Seattle, New England earn top seeds in playoffs

Page B2

A familiar feel for Lions

Matt Ludtke / AP

Green Bay's Morgan Burnett breaks up a pass intended for Detroit's Eric Ebron during the first half of Sunday's game.

Detroit loses again in Wisconsin as Green Bay wins NFC North

By GENARO C. ARMAS
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Another trip to Wisconsin, another loss for the Lions.

Green Bay 30 Detroit 20

At least Detroit gets to return home knowing it is still in the playoffs — though the Lions lost out on a golden opportunity for so much more.

A limping Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to Randall Cobb, Eddie Lacy gashed Detroit's defense for 100 yards. and the Packers claimed a fourth straight NFC North title with 30-20 victory Sunday.

Matthew Stafford was 20 of 41 for 217 yards and three touchdowns, including a 6-yard score to Theo Riddick that drew Detroit (11-5) within 30-20 with 1:45 left.

But an attempted 2-point conversion run failed, and the Packers ran out the clock. Detroit will start the postseason at Dallas next Sunday.

"We're 11-5, and it's a new season," coach Jim Caldwell said. "We've got to look forward."

See **LIONS** page B3

Bears lose, coach gone?

Chicago loses season finale to Vikings; Trestman future as head coach murky

By DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Marc Trestman wouldn't acknowledge the widespread belief he won't be back as coach of the Chicago Bears.

TRESTMAN

Minnesota 13 Chicago 9

He expressed pride in the effort by the players in the season-ending loss at Minnesota. He acknowledged again the frustration of persistent failures. He even said he expects to return in 2015.

But another off day by the offense didn't do Trestman's resume any favors.

Teddy Bridgewater threw the go-ahead 44-yard touchdown pass to Adam Thielen in the third quarter, guiding the Vikings to a 13-9 victory on Sunday to put one more blemish on a forgettable year for the Bears.

"My plan is to continue to finalize my notes now that the season is over and make sure that when the opportunity arises I'll be able to explain how to fix this thing," Trestman said, "because we have to get better."

That much is true for the Bears (5-11), who finished with their worst record in 10 years. Trestman's status was much murkier.

"All I know right now is we've got a meeting tomorrow at 11 o'clock with the team, and we'll move forward from there," Trestman said.

Jay Cutler returned from a one-game benching with 172 yards on 23-for-36 passing without a fumble or an interception, but he rarely threw long and the offense managed only 264 yards behind a series of unforced errors. The Bears had eight penalties for 50 yards.

Cutler, for his part, spoke to the uncertainty surrounding not only the coaching staff but his own status.

"It's part of the game. That's kind of how it is. I'd like to be back. I said that a couple weeks ago. But whatever happens, we'll deal

See **BEARS**, page B3

Jody Warne / HP correspondent

Benton Harbor's Curtis Dawson shoots over Paw Paw's Collin Siwula during the championship game of the Earl McKee Holiday Basketball Tournament at Benton Harbor High School on Saturday night.

Putting them away

Benton Harbor wins its own holiday tournament; Bridgman takes consolation game in 2OT

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Writer

Benton Harbor 70 Paw Paw 55

Bridgman 52 New Buffalo 46

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor won a lot of close contests last season on its run to the Class B state title game.

That hasn't been the case this season. The Tigers have been putting teams away early.

Benton Harbor built a 23-point first-half lead on its way to a 70-55 victory over Paw Paw on Saturday in the championship game of the Earl McKee Holiday Tournament.

"This was one of our goals this year, to come out and win our Christmas tournament," Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "We definitely wanted to bring the trophy back home.

Bridgman won an exciting consolation game, beating New Buffalo 52-46 in double overtime.

Benton Harbor (5-0) already has four double-digit wins, matching last season's total.

The Tigers opened with the game with a 12-1 run, but Paw Paw (4-2) cut the margin to three with an 11-3 spurt.

See **TOURNEY**, page B2

Whirlpool CORPORATION

Athlete Spotlight

Jody Warne / HP correspondent

Benton Harbor's Jaton Gunn was named Most Valuable Player during the Earl McKee Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Jaton Gunn:

Looking better than ever

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Writer

Jaton Gunn had a pretty good sophomore season, helping Benton Harbor reach the Class B state championship game.

He's come back even better.

Gunn worked hard over the offseason, and it's showing this season. He was named most valuable player of Benton Harbor's Earl McKee Holiday Tournament, and is averaging 19.2 points per game, leading Benton Harbor to a 5-0 start. Gunn has a 2.9 grade-point average.

What was your best memory from last season?

Going to the finals. That was my best memory from last season, because that was my first time ever being there. It just felt so good.

You and Curtis Dawson seem like a good combination, with a natural shooting guard and point guard. What's it been like to play with him?

It feels good playing with him, because he's not a selfish player. He can drive the ball, kick it out if he has to. He's got good court vision, that's what I like about him. He's fast as well.

Coach Sterling said you've worked a lot on your game since last season. What have you tried to improve the most?

First off, I started trying to drive more to the hole instead of shooting so many 3s like I used to last year. I hit the weight room, started driving to the hole more, worked on my free throws a little bit more. I know last year my free-throw percentage wasn't too good.

I just started trying to work on the stuff that I needed to work on instead of trying to work on my shooting. I know I can already shoot. I started trying to go to my left a little more than I did last year. I know watching film from last year that they're going to play me to my right because they think I can't go left. So I've been working on my left hand trying to drive left a little more, too.

Who's your favorite basketball player to watch at any level, and why?

At the pro level, I've got two, LeBron James and Kevin Durant. I like Kevin Durant because he plays so calmly and smooth. He's a great team player. LeBron, he's just explosive. I like a couple of his dunk moves.

What do you like to do off the court?

When I'm not on the court, I like to go up to the weight room and work out, read, do something. Something to keep me active. I don't like sitting around not doing anything.

What's your favorite school subject?

Science. I'm more of a hands-on person. I like to do experiments and projects and stuff.

Contact: bsanders@TheHP.com, 932-0366, @HPBenSanders.

The Herald-Palladium's Athlete Spotlight, sponsored by Whirlpool Corp., will appear weekly on Monday in The HP Sports section during the school year. Athletes are chosen by HP staff members. Suggestions for Athlete Spotlight are welcome. Email suggestions to sports@TheHP.com. Athletes are limited to one selection per school year.

All signs point to Harbaugh becoming U-M football coach

By MARK SNYDER and DAVID JESSE
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

HARBAUGH

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Unless negotiations fall apart, all signs indicate that Jim Harbaugh will be the next football coach at Michigan by Monday or Tuesday.

A deal between Harbaugh and Michigan has not been signed, but that isn't stopping U-M staffers from getting together events to introduce Harbaugh on Tuesday, including a news conference and an appearance at an afternoon basketball game, a person within the university with knowledge of the plans told the Free Press on Sunday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because U-M officials aren't authorized to speak publicly about the coaching search. The hope is that Harbaugh will fly to Ann Arbor sometime today.

That adds to the mounting viewpoint that Harbaugh, an All-America quarterback at U-M in the 1980s and the coach of the San Francisco 49ers the past four seasons, will strike a deal with interim athletic director Jim Hackett and will return to his alma mater to attempt to rebuild the football program.

Late Saturday night, a long-time close friend of Harbaugh's - a television sportscaster in the Bay Area - tweeted that Harbaugh was expected to be introduced as Michigan's 20th head football coach Tuesday. The sportscaster, Dave Feldman, works for Comcast Sports Network Bay Area, went to school with Harbaugh at Palo Alto High and hosts the pregame show and other game-day broadcast elements for the 49ers. Friends for decades, Harbaugh allowed Feldman to accompany him on his annual summer missionary pilgrimage to Peru to film a documentary last year.

No person with closer ties to Harbaugh has stated for the record that he would be the replacement for Brady Hoke, who was fired Dec. 2 by Hackett.

Before Feldman's tweet, multiple reports during Saturday cited a pending job switch. The first came from the Bleacher Report's Jason Cole, who cited unnamed sources within the 49ers' coaching staff as saying Harbaugh was headed

See **HARBAUGH**, page B3

In brief

Jennings leads Pistons to 103-80 win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Brandon Jennings scored 25 points, and the Detroit Pistons used an 18-0 run in the second quarter to roll past the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-80 on Sunday.

It was Cleveland's second blowout loss at home in less than two weeks. The Cavaliers lost 127-98 to Atlanta on Dec. 17, and the convincing victory for Detroit drew boos from the home crowd.

Andre Drummond had 16 points and 17 rebounds for the Pistons (7-23), who were coming off a 119-109 victory over Indiana on Friday. Reserve Jodie Meeks scored 14 points, and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 13.

Detroit set a season high for made 3-pointers by going 17 for 31 from long range.

Kevin Love had 20 points and 10 rebounds for Cleveland, and LeBron James finished with 17 points, 10 boards and seven assists. Tristan Thompson also had a double-double for the Cavs, collecting 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Cavaliers point guard Kyrie Irving missed his second straight game because of a bruised left knee.

James appeared to get hit in the left hip late in the first half, but started the third quarter. The four-time MVP, clearly frustrated by the loss, went to the bench for good with 5:34 remaining and Cleveland trailing 95-71.

No. 4 ND women beat UCLA 82-67

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Allen scored a career-high 22 points and No. 4 Notre Dame beat UCLA 82-67 on Sunday for its fourth straight victory.

Allen was 8 of 10 from the field, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range. The sophomore guard matched her previous career high of 17 points by halftime and set career highs in field goals and 3-pointers made.

Freshman Brianna Turner added 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for her first career double-double for the Fighting Irish (12-1). Jewell Lloyd had 12 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

Nirra Fields scored 20 points and Jordin Canada had 16 for UCLA (4-7).

No. 20 MSU women fall in Big Ten opener

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State scored the first five points but Northwestern rallied with a 14-2 run and held on to upset the 20th-ranked Spartans 61-57 in a Big Ten Conference opener on Sunday.

Nia Coffey scored 15 points and Christen Inman added 13 as the Wildcats (11-1, 1-0) beat the defending conference champions despite 38 percent shooting, being outrebounded 51-39, and outscored in nearly every category.

That's because Michigan State (8-4, 0-1) hit just 29 percent of its shots — and just 9 of 37 in the first half. Becca Mills scored 21 with 16 rebounds, but shot just 8 of 20. Aerial Powers added 10 points, 13 boards.

Four Hills event called off due to weather

OBERSTDORF, Germany (AP) — The opening event of the Four Hills tour was postponed Sunday after strong winds and heavy snowfall forced organizers to call off the first leg of the ski jump World Cup's traditional holiday-season tournament.

After repeated delays to the start, only 11 jumps were completed before officials called off the event with no sign of conditions improving. It will now be held this afternoon instead.

Airwaves

Television today

2:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** AutoZone Liberty Bowl — Texas A&M vs. West Virginia. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs Swansea City AFC. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Russell Athletic Bowl — Clemson vs. Oklahoma. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (9&) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers. Live) (CC)
(Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Ohio State at Maryland. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Toledo at Duke. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins. (Subject to blackout) (Live)
8:30 p.m. (Csnch) **NHL Hockey** Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Nebraska at Minnesota. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Football** AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl — Arkansas vs. Texas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Duke at Connecticut. (Live)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Iowa at Ohio State. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl — Notre Dame vs. LSU. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Illinois at Michigan. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Maryland at Michigan State. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Belk Bowl — Georgia vs. Louisville. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Florida at Florida State. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Midlands Championship. From Evanston, Ill. (Live)
(Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Missouri vs. Oklahoma State. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Foster Farms Bowl — Maryland vs. Stanford. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
NBA — Bulls at Pacers (WMVP-AM, 1000)
8:30 p.m.
NHL — Predators at Blackhawks (WGN-AM, 720)

Tuesday

3 p.m.
College basketball — Illinois at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400)
5 p.m.
College basketball — Maryland at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
8 p.m.
NBA — Nets at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)

Contact us

The Herald-Palladium sports desk is staffed after 7 p.m. nightly. Coaches or managers are asked to report results as soon as possible the evening of the event for publication in the next day's edition.

Phone numbers
(269) 429-1294
(800) 356-4262 ext. 294
Fax number
(269) 429-4392

Email address for reporting results
sports@TheH-P.com

Sports staff

Jason Mitchell
Sports Editor
jmitchell@TheHP.com
429-2400 ext. 749

Ben Sanders
Sports Writer
bsanders@TheHP.com
429-2400 ext. 220

Austin Bornheim
Sports Writer
abornheim@TheHP.com
429-2400 ext. 222

Jody Warner / HP correspondent
Bridgman's Shivam Patel trys to get a shot off during the consolation game of the Earl McKee Holiday Basketball Tournament at Benton Harbor High School on Saturday night.

TOURNEY

From page B1

All 11 points came from Nick Klingel, including three 3-pointers. Klingel finished with a game-high 24 points.

Benton Harbor answered by scoring 14 straight points, pushing the lead to 29-12, and was ahead by double digits the rest of the way.

"I was pleased with the way we came out," Sterling said. "We came out fast. Paw Paw's a good team, we knew they were going to make a run eventually, but we were able to sustain their run and just pace it out the rest of the way."

Benton Harbor's Jaton Gunn was named the tournament's most valuable player, scoring 19 points to lead the Tigers for a second straight games.

Benton Harbor had four players in double figures. Curtis Dawson had 13 points, Malik Hall scored 12, and Roy Anderson contributed 11. Hall had a game-high 11 rebounds, and Dawson and Anderson had five assists apiece. Dawson battled foul trouble for much of the game.

"Dawson didn't have a good game for us today, but we're balanced," Sterling said. "We've got balanced scoring... Jaton stepped up, Roy stepped up, and hopefully Dawson will get it together for us next game."

Paw Paw also got 13 points and eight rebounds from Tanner Eubank.

"I'm really disappointed in our effort in the first half," Paw Paw coach Scott Eubank said. "I really didn't see us coming out and starting that way. We've been in games like this. I'm real happy with the way we battled in the second half.

"They're a good team. First half I think we made them look a lot better than what they really were. But I'll give them credit, they're a good team, hard to guard."

Shivam Patel had 26 points and 19 rebounds to lead Bridgman (4-2), including a key 3-point play midway through the second overtime that forced New Buffalo (1-4) to foul the rest of the way.

Bridgman held a 42-34 rebounding advantage.

"We had another poor shooting night, and that just happens in basketball," Bridgman coach Mike Miller said, "but we rebounded much better tonight and that made a big difference."

New Buffalo was unable to rally in the final overtime the way it had earlier. The Bison scored the final five points of regulation, with Jarek Hotwagner making one of two free throws to tie the score at 35 with 18.8 seconds left.

Bridgman led for most of the first overtime, but New Buffalo's Marques Artz hit a 3-pointer to tie the score at 41 and force a second extra period. Artz and Elisha Dryden paced the Bison with 13 points apiece.

Bridgman was up by as many as 10 points in the first half, but when Patel went to the bench with three fouls early in the second half, New Buffalo took advantage with an 11-0 run and led 24-22 after the third quarter.

"The last three games, we've just had terrible first halves," New Buffalo coach Randy Mast said. "I don't know what the deal is. Then we come out in the third quarter and outscore them 11-2 to get back in the game. We've just got to get better as a team."

Nick Knowlton finished with 22 points, six assists and six steals, combining with Patel for 48 of Bridgman's 52 points.

"Knowlton had a heck of a game, and Patel we had no answer for," Mast said.

Though the Bees didn't have much balance offensively, they made up for it with strong man-to-man defense.

"I was really pleased with the way we played defense," Miller said. "We did a really nice job from a mental toughness standpoint not breaking down defensively. That's the most man-to-man we've played all year. We're still kind of finding ourselves as a team, and I think we found something out about our defense."

Hotwagner had nine points and 13 rebounds for New Buffalo.

BENTON HARBOR 70, PAW PAW 55

PAW PAW (55)
Nick Klingel 6 8-11 24, Parker Marcon 3 0-0 6, Jordan Edwards 1 0-0 2, Tanner Eubank 3 6-8 13, Collin Siwula 3 0-0 7, Jacob Vorce 0 3-4 3. Totals: 16 17-23 55.
BENTON HARBOR (70)
Roy Anderson 5 0-0 11, Jaton Gunn 7 3-4 19, Curtis Dawson 5 3-3 13, Malik Hall 6 0-0 12, Tommie Miller 1 0-0 2, Willie Wilson 1 0-0 3, Tyrese Lamar 1 0-0 2, LeQuell Welch 2 4-4 8. Totals: 28 10-11 70.

Paw Paw	**12**	**5**	**16**	**22**	**— 55**
B. Harbor	**21**	**18**	**10**	**21**	**— 70**

3-point goals — Paw Paw 6 (Klingel 4, Eubank, Siwula), Benton Harbor 4 (Gunn 2, Anderson, Wilson). Total fouls — Paw Paw 9, Benton Harbor 19. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — Paw Paw bench, Gunn (BH). Rebounds — Paw Paw 39 (Eubank 8), Benton Harbor 39 (Hall 11). Assists — Anderson (BH) 5, Dawson (BH) 5.
Records — Paw Paw 4-2, Benton Harbor 5-0.

BRIDGMAN 52, NEW BUFFALO 46 (2 OT)

BRIDGMAN (52)
Nick Knowlton 8 6-12 22, Dan Koziel 1 0-2 2, Shivam Patel 9 8-11 26, Devin Hays 0 2-3 2. Totals: 18 16-28 52.
NEW BUFFALO (46)
Elisha Dryden 4 5-8 13, Clayton Artz 1 0-0 2, John Paul Perez 0 2-2 2, Marques Artz 3 6-9 13, Jarek Hotwagner 2 5-8 9, Travis Maddux 3 1-2 7. Totals: 13 19-29 46.

Bridgman	**13**	**7**	**2**	**13**	**6**	**11**	**— 52**
New Buffalo	**6**	**7**	**11**	**11**	**6**	**5**	**— 46**

3-point goals — Bridgman none, New Buffalo 1 (M. Artz). Total fouls — Bridgman 17, New Buffalo 25. Fouled out — M. Artz (NB), Julian Sheriff (B). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Bridgman 42 (Patel 19), New Buffalo 34 (Hotwagner 13). Steals — Knowlton (B) 6.
Records — Bridgman 4-2, New Buffalo 1-4.

Contact: bsanders@TheHP.com, 932-0366, Twitter: @HPBenSanders

Ravens back in playoffs

Lions to play at Cowboys; Seahawks earn top seed

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

The Baltimore Ravens are back in the playoffs, while the Seattle Seahawks will be playing at home in them.

Baltimore made the postseason in the first five years with John Harbaugh as coach and Joe Flacco at quarterback, winning the 2012 championship. They failed to get in last season, but a 20-10 victory Sunday, combined with San Diego's 19-7 loss at Kansas City, did the trick.

The Ravens (10-6, the same record they had in their Super Bowl season), earned a wild card and will be seeded sixth in the AFC.

"Anything can happen when you get into the playoffs," Flacco said. "I won't be surprised if in three weeks from now we're still sitting here playing."

Defending Super Bowl champion Seattle earned the top seed in the NFC by beating St. Louis 20-6. The Seahawks, winners of the NFC West, were 7-1 at home at the intimidating CenturyLink Field, and have a bye next week.

Green Bay won the NFC North by handling Detroit 30-20 and got the No. 2 seed in the conference and a bye. Both the Packers and Seahawks finished 12-4, with the tiebreaker Seattle's opening victory against Green Bay.

Detroit (11-5) will play at NFC East champ Dallas (12-4) in the wild-card round next Sunday.

Carolina (7-8-1) became the second division champion with a losing record in NFL history. Its 34-3 rout at Atlanta earned the NFC South title.

The Panthers will host injury-ravaged Arizona (11-5), which fell to San Francisco 20-17 but got the other NFC wild card.

AFC East champion New England (12-4) owns home-field advantage in the conference and will be off next weekend. Denver (12-4), the West winner, also will have a bye after defeating Oakland, 47-14.

The AFC North champion was be determined in the Sunday night game, with Cincinnati (10-4-1) at Pittsburgh (10-5).

Results of the game were unavailable at deadline.

The loser gets a wild-card berth and plays at South champion Indianapolis (11-5). The winner hosts the Ravens.

Panthers 34, Falcons 3

ATLANTA — Roman Harper and Tre Boston returned interceptions for touchdowns as Carolina's defense led the Panthers over Atlanta to win the NFC South.

Carolina (7-8-1) has won four straight, but still is the first team to enter the playoffs with a losing record since 2010.

Harper scored on a 31-yard return in the second quarter and Boston helped clinch the win with his 84-yard interception return late in the third quarter. A 33-yard fumble return by Thomas Davis set up another touchdown.

The Falcons (6-10) were booed as they finished their second straight losing season.

Classifieds work!

To place a classified ad in The Herald-Palladium, please call 429-4484.

Phones are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Need An Engine?
CHECK US OUT!
269-925-0035
August Pohl 2225 S. M-139
AUTO PARTS Benton Harbor

BOWLING

AREA LEADERS

Men

Game

Brian Anderson, Kelley's	300
Bryan Angelo, Coloma	300
Bill Hendrixson, Lakeshore	300
Matt Hendrixson, Kelley's	300
Scott Karsten, Lakeshore	300
Mark Kennedy, Lakeshore	300
Jeff Reeves, Kelley's	300
Dennis Weatherman, Kelley's	300
Kevin Beckman, Lakeshore	299
Dustin Blagg, Coloma	299
David Lange, Lakeshore	296
Bill Rath, Kelley's	296

Series

Mike Milnickel, Coloma	846
Bill Rath, Kelley's	805
Dave Matheny, Kelley's	804
Dennis Weatherman, Lakeshore	791
David Lange, Lakeshore	781
Bob Forsythe, Lakeshore	781
Brad Flowers, Coloma	779
Tom Weidner, Kelley's	779
Dave Forsythe, Kelley's	775
Kevin Beckman, Lakeshore	772
Scott Fleisher, Kelley's	772

Team

B&L Rentals, Kelley's	3586
B&L Rentals, Lakeshore	3471
T's Tap, Kelley's	3421
Fro's Pro Shop, Kelley's	3401
Captain's Crew, Kelley's	3265
Fingers, Coloma	3256
Knowles Construction, Lakeshore	3256

Women

Game

Melissa Utter, Lakeshore	299
Kylee Morlock, Coloma	290
Karyn Fricke, Kelley's	287
Tricia Morris, Kelley's	277
Gladys Hunter, Kelley's	269
Pam Head, Kelley's	267
Tiff Moore, Coloma	267
Pinky Pinkerton, Kelley's	267
Jill Wilkens, Lakes	258
Gina Gitchell, Lakeshore	247

Series

Melissa Utter, Lakeshore	756
Kylee Morlock, Coloma	713
Tricia Morris, Kelley's	696
Jill Wilkens, Kelley's	690
Tiff Moore, Coloma	682
Karyn Fricke, Kelley's	681
Gina Gitchell, Lakeshore	672
Gladys Hunter, Kelley's	672
Brenda Webster, Coloma	671
Arica Angelo, Coloma	663

Team (Min. 2000)

Hartwell & Wolf, Lakeshore	2226
Premier Promotions, Lakeshore	2093
Can't Believe Not A Gutter, Kelley's	2065
Knowles Construction, Lakeshore	2043

NFL

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	4	0	.750	468	313
Buffalo	9	7	0	.563	343	289
Miami	8	8	0	.500	388	373
N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	283	401

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	458	369
Houston	9	7	0	.563	372	307
Jacksonville	3	13	0	.188	249	412
Tennessee	2	14	0	.125	254	438

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Cincinnati	10	4	1	.700	348	317
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	409	351
x-Baltimore	10	6	0	.625	409	302
Cleveland	7	9	0	.438	299	337

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	12	4	0	.750	482	354
Kansas City	9	7	0	.563	353	281
San Diego	9	7	0	.563	348	348
Oakland	3	13	0	.188	253	452

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	12	4	0	.750	467	352
Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	474	400
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	380	400
Washington	4	12	0	.250	301	438

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Carolina	7	8	1	.469	339	374
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	401	424
Atlanta	6	10	0	.375	381	417
Tampa Bay	2	14	0	.125	277	410

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	12	4	0	.750	486	348
x-Detroit	11	5	0	.688	321	282
Minnesota	7	9	0	.438	325	343
Chicago	5	11	0	.313	319	442

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Seattle	12	4	0	.750	394	254
x-Arizona	11	5	0	.688	310	299
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500	306	340
St. Louis	6	10	0	.375	324	354

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

Indianapolis 27, Tennessee 10
Houston 23, Jacksonville 17
Kansas City 19, San Diego 7
Minnesota 13, Chicago 9
Baltimore 20, Cleveland 10
Dallas 44, Washington 17
N.Y. Jets 37, Miami 24
Buffalo 17, New England 9
Philadelphia 34, N.Y. Giants 26
New Orleans 23, Tampa Bay 20
San Francisco 20, Arizona 17
Seattle 20, St. Louis 6
Denver 47, Oakland 14
Green Bay 30, Detroit 20
Carolina 34, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
End regular season.

PACKERS 30, LIONS 20

Detroit	**0**	**7**	**7**	**6**	**— 20**
Green Bay	**7**	**7**	**7**	**9**	**— 30**

First Quarter

GB—Hyde 55 punt return (Crosby kick), 4:49.

Second Quarter

GB—Cobb 4 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 2:24.
Det—C.Johnson 20 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), :24.

Third Quarter

Det—C.Johnson 4 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 7:34.
GB—Cobb 13 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 3:33.

Fourth Quarter

GB—A.Rodgers 1 run (Crosby kick), 8:45.
GB—Team safety, 2:32.
Det—Riddick 6 pass from Stafford (run failed), 1:45.
A—78,408.

	Det	GB
First downs	23	24
Total Net Yards	313	377
Rushes-yards	23-111	38-152
Passing	202	225
Punt Returns	1-14	1-55
Kickoff Returns	5-126	1-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-41-0	18-23-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-7
Punts	4-38.0	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-53	5-40
Time of Possession	25:42	34:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit, Bell 13-60, Stafford 4-29, Bush 5-19, Collins 1-3. Green Bay, Lacy 26-100, Starks 5-26, A.Rodgers 2-14, Kuhn 3-6, Cobb 2-6.
PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 20-41-0-217. Green Bay, Flynn 1-1-0-6, A.Rodgers 17-22-0-226.
RECEIVING—Detroit, Riddick 5-34, C.Johnson 4-39, Tate 3-45, Bush 3-22, Ebron 2-38, Ross 2-33, Collins 1-6. Green Bay, Nelson 6-86, R.Rodgers 5-40, Cobb 4-80, Lacy 3-26.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Green Bay, Crosby 52 (BK).

VIKINGS 13, BEARS 9

Chicago	**0**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**— 9**
Minnesota	**3**	**0**	**7**	**3**	**— 13**

First Quarter

Min—FG Walsh 37, 4:59.

Second Quarter

Chi—FG Feely 48, :55.

Third Quarter

Chi—FG Feely 25, 13:05.
Min—Thielen 44 pass from Bridgewater (Walsh kick), 10:53.

Fourth Quarter

Min—FG Walsh 44, 11:29.
Chi—FG Feely 35, 8:53.
A—52,364.

	Chi	Min
First downs	12	15
Total Net Yards	264	311
Rushes-yards	21-99	33-121
Passing	165	190
Punt Returns	1-0	1-31
Kickoff Returns	3-88	3-39
Interceptions Ret.	1-31	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	23-36-0	17-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-7	3-19
Punts	4-45.5	3-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-50	4-25
Time of Possession	31:33	28:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Forte 17-51, Cutler 3-39, Morgan 1-9. Minnesota, Asiata 19-91, Banyard 6-20, Bridgewater 6-18, Felton 1-3, Charle.Johnson 1-(minus 11).
PASSING—Chicago, Cutler 23-36-0-172. Minnesota, Bridgewater 17-25-1-209.
RECEIVING—Chicago, Bennett 8-59, Forte 8-23, Jeffery 2-34, Rosario 2-25, Wilson 2-18, Morgan 1-13. Minnesota, Thielen 3-68, Jennings 3-45, Ellison 3-23, Wright 3-23, Charle.Johnson 2-22, Asiata 2-17, Banyard 1-11.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Feely 43 (WR).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

All Times EST

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference W	L	PCT	All Games W	L	PCT
Maryland	0	0	.000	12	1	.923
Penn St.	0	0	.000	12	1	.923
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	12	1	.923
Minnesota	0	0	.000	11	2	.846
Ohio St.	0	0	.000	11	2	.846
Illinois	0	0	.000	10	3	.769
Indiana	0	0	.000	10	3	.769
Iowa	0	0	.000	9	4	.692
Michigan St.	0	0	.000	9	4	.692
Northwestern	0	0	.000	9	4	.692
Nebraska	0	0	.000	8	4	.667
Purdue	0	0	.000	8	5	.615
Rutgers	0	0	.000	8	5	.615
Michigan	0	0	.000	7	5	.583

Saturday's Games

Georgetown 91, Indiana 87, OT
Minnesota 108, UNC Wilmington 82
Northwestern 76, N. Kentucky 55
Maryland 72, Oakland 56
Ohio St. 100, Wright St. 55
Illinois 93, Kennesaw St. 45

Sunday's Games

Rutgers 59, Monmouth (NJ) 58
Wisconsin 68, Buffalo 56

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference W	L	PCT	All Games W	L	PCT
Notre Dame	1	0	1.000	12	1	.923
NC State	1	0	1.000	10	3	.769
Virginia	0	0	.000	11	0	1.000
Duke	0	0	.000	10	0	1.000
Louisville	0	0	.000	11	1	.917
Miami	0	0	.000	9	3	.750
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	9	3	.750
Georgia Tech	0	0	.000	8	3	.727
North Carolina	0	0	.000	8	4	.667
Syracuse	0	0	.000	8	4	.667
Virginia Tech	0	0	.000	8	4	.667
Clemson	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
Boston College	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Florida St.	0	1	.000	7	5	.583
Wake Forest	0	1	.000	7	6	.583

Saturday's Games

Kentucky 58, Louisville 50
North Carolina 89, UAB 58
Virginia Tech 87, Presbyterian 65

Sunday's Games

Syracuse 85, Long Beach St. 67
Wake Forest 65, Richmond 63

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	Conference W	L	PCT	All Games W	L	PCT
Kent St.	0	0	.000	8	3	.727
Buffalo	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
Bowling Green	0	0	.000	7	3	.667
Akron	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
Ohio	0	0	.000	4	6	.400
Miami (Ohio)	0	0	.000	3	8	.273

West

	Conference W	L	PCT	All Games W	L	PCT
Cent. Michigan	0	0	.000	9	1	.900
E. Michigan	0	0	.000	11	2	.833
Toledo	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
W. Michigan	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
N. Illinois	0	0	.000	4	5	.444
Ball St.	0	0	.000	4	6	.400

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Games

E. Michigan100, Concordia (MI) 42
Ball St. 69, Longwood 64
Bowling Green 79, South Florida 70
Wisconsin 68, Buffalo 56

Sunday's men's scores

EAST

Army 93, Coast Guard 48
Brown 79, Sacred Heart 76
Columbia 69, Colgate 64
Fordham 74, Howard 59
Hofstra 88, LIU Brooklyn 62
Iona 81, Drexel 62
Lafayette 76, NJIT 71
Lehigh 58, UMBC 55
Loyola (Md.) 61, Fairfield 59, OT
Md.-Eastern Shore 78, Duquesne 69
Rutgers 59, Monmouth (NJ) 58
Siena 73, Bucknell 71
St. John's 82, Tulane 57
St. Peter's 59, Cornell 52, OT
Syracuse 85, Long Beach St. 67
Temple 66, Delaware St. 56
UConn 81, CCSU 48

SOUTH

Alabama 56, UCLA 50
Bowling Green 79, South Florida 70
East Carolina 71, UNC Greensboro 50
Elon 69, Marist 64
High Point 85, Thomas (Ga.) 48
Liberty 78, Cincinnati Christian 58
NC A&T 58, NC Wesleyan 54
Radford 119, Cent. Pennsylvania 69
Samford 65, Campbell 56
Wake Forest 65, Richmond 63

MIDWEST

Ball St. 69, Longwood 64
Bradley 68, Ill.-Chicago 60
Butler 67, Belmont 56
E. Michigan 100, Concordia (Mich.) 42
Evansville 85, Coppin St. 80
IPFW 80, Judson 46
Marquette 81, Morgan St. 53
N. Dakota St. 83, Northland 59
N. Iowa 74, S. Dakota St. 63
SE Missouri 94, Harris-Stowe 66
SIU-Edwardsville 104, Robert Morris-Chicago 56
South Dakota 84, Milwaukee 60
Texas Southern 58, Kansas St. 56
UMKC 73, Indiana St. 70, 2OT
Wisconsin 68, Buffalo 56
Xavier 71, Florida Gulf Coast 57

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 100, Northwestern St. 92
Houston 80, MVSU 53
Oral Roberts 94, Haskell Indian Nations 42

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 56, Harvard 46
Fresno St. 93, Saint Katherine 62
Grand Canyon 83, Abilene Christian 81
N. Arizona 71, San Diego Christian 45
Stony Brook 62, Washington 57
Washington St. 90, UC Davis 83

NBA

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	23	7	.767	—
Brooklyn	13	16	.448	9½
Boston	10	18	.357	12
New York	5	27	.156	19
Philadelphia	4	25	.138	18½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	8	.733	—
Washington	21	8	.724	½
Miami	14	17	.452	8½
Orlando	12	21	.364	11½
Charlotte	10	21	.323	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	21	9	.700	—
Cleveland	18	12	.600	3
Milwaukee	15	16	.484	6½
Indiana	11	20	.355	10½
Detroit	7	23	.233	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	22	8	.733	—
Houston	21	8	.724	½
Dallas	22	10	.688	1
San Antonio	19	13	.594	4
New Orleans	15	15	.500	7

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	24	7	.774	—
Oklahoma City	15	17	.469	9½
Denver	13	17	.433	10½
Utah	10	20	.333	13½
Minnesota	5	24	.172	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	24	5	.828	—
L.A. Clippers	20	11	.645	5
Phoenix	17	14	.548	8
Sacramento	13	17	.433	11½
L.A. Lakers	9	21	.300	15½

Saturday's Games

Toronto 110, L.A. Clippers 98
Washington 101, Boston 88
Orlando 102, Charlotte 94
Memphis 103, Miami 95
Chicago 107, New Orleans 100
Indiana 110, Brooklyn 85
Atlanta 90, Milwaukee 85
Utah 88, Philadelphia 71
Sacramento 135, New York 129, OT
Golden State 110, Minnesota 97

Sunday's Games

Detroit 103, Cleveland 80
San Antonio 110, Houston 106
Dallas 112, Oklahoma City 107
New York at Portland
Toronto at Denver
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

Today's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Sunday's scores

EAST

Union (NY) 3, Sacred Heart 1
Quinnipiac 1, Princeton 0
Providence 4, UMass 1
UMass-Lowell 3, UConn 1

SOUTH

Notre Dame 3, Miami (Ohio) 2, OT

MIDWEST

Michigan 2 Michigan Tech 1
Ferris St. 2, Michigan St. 1

NHL

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	37	22	11	4	48	119	97
Detroit	36	19	8	9	47	103	89
Montreal	35	22	11	2	46	95	84
Toronto	36	20	13	3	43	122	108
Florida	33	16	9	8	40	79	86
Boston	36	18	15	3	39	93	97
Ottawa	35	14	14	7	35	92	97
Buffalo	36	14	19	3	31	73	118

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	35	22	8	5	49	108	83
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	11	1	47	108	98
N.Y. Rangers	33	19	10	4	42	100	84
Washington	35	18	11	6	42	102	90
Philadelphia	35	14	15	6	34	98	105
Columbus	34	15	16	3	33	86	109
New Jersey	37	12	18	7	31	79	107
Carolina	35	10	21	4	24	71	95

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	36	24	10	2	50	112	74
Nashville	34	23	9	2	48	99	71
St. Louis	35	21	11	3	45	103	90
Winnipeg	36	19	10	7	45	92	84
Minnesota	33	16	13	4	36	96	93
Dallas	34	15	14	5	35	99	116
Colorado	35	13	14	8	34	92	106

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	37	23	8	6	52	105	100
Los Angeles	36	18	11	7	43	100	89
San Jose	36	19	12	5	43	100	93
Vancouver	33	20	11	2	42	99	91
Calgary	37	19	15	3	41	108	99
Arizona	35	13	18	4	30	82	113
Edmonton	36	7	22	7	21	76	125

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Games

Buffalo 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Arizona 2, Anaheim 1, SO
Detroit 3, Ottawa 2, OT
Tampa Bay 2, Carolina 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 1
Columbus 6, Boston 2
Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 3, OT
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 0
Dallas 4, St. Louis 3
Nashville 4, Philadelphia 1
Chicago 5, Colorado 2
Calgary 4, Edmonton 1
Los Angeles 3, San Jose 1

Sunday's Games

Florida 6, Toronto 4
Anaheim 2, Vancouver 1, OT

Today's Games

Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9 p.m.

AHL

All Times EST

Sunday's Games

Portland 3, Manchester 0
Toronto 2, Adirondack 0
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 2, Norfolk 1
Rockford 4, Chicago 2
Oklahoma City 2, Charlotte 1, OT
Springfield 3, Syracuse 2, OT
Texas 6, San Antonio 3

Today's Game

Milwaukee at Iowa, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Providence at Albany, 7 p.m.
Norfolk at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Bridgeport at Worcester, 7 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Hamilton at Rockford, 8 p.m.
Lake Erie at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

ECHL

All Times EST

Sunday's Games

South Carolina 5, Wheeling 1
Tulsa 4, Allen 3
Florida 6, Orlando 5
Brampton 4, Quad City 3

Today's Games

Wheeling at Gwinnett, 7:05 p.m.
Quad City at Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
Evansville at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.
Colorado at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toledo at Brampton, 7 p.m.
South Carolina at Greenville, 7 p.m.
Florida at Gwinnett, 7:05 p.m.
Rapid City at Tulsa, 8 p.m.
Missouri at Wichita, 8:05 p.m.
Ontario at Stockton, 10:30 p.m.

BEARS

From page B1

with it then and make plans accordingly," said Cutler, who finished turnover-free for only the third time in 15 games this season.

Blair Walsh kicked two field goals and backup Audie Cole had 14 total tackles for the Vikings (7-9), who ended coach Mike Zimmer's first year on a winning note.

After the Vikings drove to the 3-yard line late in the game, Matt Asiata was stuffed for no gain on the same play on both third-and-1 and fourth-and-1 to give Cutler and the Bears one last opportunity with 2:53 left and a four-point deficit.

They bungled it, metaphorically for this mess of a season. Three flags, including two false starts, plus an incompletion doomed the drive.

"We all regressed. I regressed. Our offense regressed dramatically for a number of reasons," Trestman said.

Alshon Jeffery had only two catches for 34 yards after totaling 23 receptions, 384 yards and three touchdowns over the past two games against the Vikings. Without Brandon Marshall to attract attention elsewhere, the Vikings led by cornerback Xavier Rhodes had Jeffery well under control.

The bright spot for the Bears? Matt Forte had eight receptions, giving him an NFL-running-back-record 102 for the season to pass Larry Centers. Forte, with a modest 51 yards on 17 carries, also topped the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the fifth time in seven years.

Forte deferred credit to his teammates, reluctant to express excitement about the record given the circumstances. He affirmed a question afterward about whether the offense became too predictable.

"Sometimes we would line up in a formation that we had run a specific play out of a few more times than we should have. Defenses are smart. They watch film, they read their keys and they know stuff like that," Forte said.

Kyle Fuller reached the end zone with an interception return early in the third quarter, but the replay revealed his knee was down at the 9-yard line.

That was the second of three touchdowns, two by the Bears, overruled by an official review. The Bears had to settle for the second of three field goals by Jay Feely, who later missed a 43-yard try.

Then Bridgewater was in a rhythm, connecting with Thielen for 22 yards and finding him wide open for the score on the ensuing play and a 10-6 lead when he beat Fuller and safety Brock Vereen was too late to help during a miscommunicated coverage.

LIONS

From page B1

Detroit lost out on a first-round bye that instead went to the Packers (12-4) with the victory. Rodgers will surely appreciate the rest.

Bothered by a lingering left calf injury, Rodgers was carted to the locker room after tossing his first score to Cobb late in the second quarter.

He hobbled back on to the field in the third quarter with the game tied at 14. Rodgers led Green Bay on a seven-play, 60-yard drive that ended with a 13-yard score to Cobb with 3:33 left in the quarter. The Packers didn't look back from there.

"It's clearly an MVP performance — another MVP performance — by Aaron Rodgers," coach Mike McCarthy said. Rodgers won the award in 2011.

Rodgers plunged across the goal line from 1 yard out with 8:45 left to help Green Bay regain a two-touchdown lead.

"We anticipated that he would come back. He's one of those guys that you're not going to keep him down — particularly in a game like this," Caldwell said.

Rodgers finished 17 of 22 for 226 yards. He was out of the game for about a 7-minute stretch between the second and third quarters. In between, receiver Calvin Johnson had touchdown catches of 4 and 20 yards on consecutive drives to help the Lions roar back from a 14-0 deficit.

Detroit hasn't won a division title since 1993. It hasn't won a road game against the Packers since 1991. For a few moments while Rodgers was out, it looked like both those streaks might come to an end.

"We got some momentum going, it's just we didn't sustain it, with Rodgers on the field or without him," Johnson said.

After blocking Mason Crosby's 52-yard field goal attempt, the Lions lost the ball when Stafford fumbled on what looked like an aborted handoff to Joique Bell. The Packers cashed in with Rodgers' 1-yard sneak into the end zone on their next drive.

Rodgers felt more pain later in the quarter after Detroit's 305-pound defensive tackle, Ndamukong Suh, stumbled back and stepped on Rodgers' left ankle while the quarterback was on the ground at the end of a play. There was no penalty, and Rodgers tried to shove Suh back as the defender walked away.

HARBAUGH

From page B1

to Michigan.

Sunday, two prominent football journalists - one who covers the NFL, one who covers colleges - added to the chorus.

On ESPN Radio, John Clayton put it as a certainly that Harbaugh would coach at Michigan, the first prominent NFL insider to do so. Every Sunday for the past month, NFL insiders have proclaimed that Harbaugh would stay in the NFL or wanted to stay in the NFL.

"I would say 100 percent," Clayton said on ESPN Radio. "Because over the last couple days, he's actually been calling coaches around the National Football League to see if they would come to college. Guys right now that may be in a position where they're going to be losing their jobs with their teams. So he's trying crazy to do this. So it's pretty well set they'll work out the deal by Tuesday and he'll end up being the Michigan coach."

That was followed about a half-hour later by tweets from Bruce Feldman, the college football insider for Fox Sports.

He said Harbaugh and his family would fly to Michigan on Monday and attend Tuesday's Big Ten opener against Illinois at Crisler Center.

Hackett and U-M spokesmen basically have declined all comment during the search for Hoke's replacement.

Harbaugh, who has taken the 49ers to the NFC championship game the past three seasons, still has a year remaining on the five-year, $25-million contract he signed after leaving Stanford, but he has been at odds with team management recently and NFL insiders widely have reported that the 49ers do not want him back and he does not want to return. He could not sign a contract with U-M until he was out of his NFL contract.

San Francisco general manager Trent Baalke revealed on his radio show this past week that he appreciated that U-M contacted the 49ers.

That suggests there is a deal to be negotiated - a buyout, a release, a firing or a resignation.

Hot Off the Press!

FREE Classified Ads for items under $500!

NEWSPAPER SERVICES

FREE CLASSIFIED AD

Multiple items accepted totaling $500 or less – Price must be included in the ad.
Limited to 5 lines

Newspaper where you would like your ad to appear:_____

City where items are located:_____

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Print Ad here:_____

_____

_____

*Newspaper Services reserves the right to edit or deny any ad without notification. Ads will be processed on a first come, first-served basis and will begin as soon as processing is complete.

Guidelines...

- Ad will run 1 week with a 5-line limit
- No changes are permitted
- Individuals/Private Parties only. No Businesses (ie: No Rentals, Firms, or Services)
- Ads for tickets, rummage sales, animals for sale, personals, produce, plants, hay, firewood, and handcrafted items are excluded
- Free items or pets must have "Free" included
- Price must be included in the ad and must be less than $500
- Multiple items accepted but must total $500 or less
- Limit 1 ad per household per calendar month
- Must have an active subscription to a Newspaper Services publication
- Ads over 5 lines will be charged at our regular rate
- Ads must be received by Email, Mail, Fax or In-Person. NO PHONE CALLS.

Email to: classifieds@newspaperservices.biz
Fax to: 269-429-8344
Mail to: 3450 Hollywood Rd, St. Joseph, MI 49085

hp HEALTH

DIET CENTER
Watch the Pounds Melt Away...
Call Mary
Locally Trusted for 35 Years
Ask about our current special
2614 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI • (269) 983-4660

Some heart patients do better when the cardiologist is away

By MONTE MORIN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Researchers have found that certain high-risk heart patients stand a better chance of survival if they go to a teaching hospital when all the cardiologists have left town.

Though heart doctors have joked that the safest place to suffer a heart attack would be in a city hosting a national cardiology meeting, researchers at Harvard Medical School, the University of Southern California and the Rand Corp. were among a group that found the exact opposite to be true.

In research published recently in JAMA Internal Medicine, study authors found that the survival rate for high-risk cardiac arrest patients rose 10 percent when they were admitted to a major teaching hospital on days that a national cardiology meeting was in session.

"That's a tremendous reduction in mortality, better than most of the medical interventions that exist to treat these conditions," said lead study author Dr. Anupam Jena, who teaches health care policy and medicine at Harvard Medical School.

High-risk heart patients are typically older people with pre-existing medical conditions. They may be overweight and smoke, or suffer from diabetes or high blood pressure, among other problems.

It remains unclear exactly why this subset of patients experienced substantially lower mortality rates while low-risk patients did not. Also, researchers did not find the same disparity in survival rates at nonteaching hospitals.

The answer, however, might have to do with the reluctance non-cardiologist doctors have in performing aggressive or invasive procedures in the absence of a heart specialist.

In addition to the rise in survival rates, researchers found that teaching hospitals performed 7 percent fewer angioplasties on high-risk myocardial infarction patients during convention dates.

Researchers wrote that when treating high-risk heart patients, the answer may be that "less is more."

The study, published recently, examined the 30-day mortality rate for 8,570 Medicare beneficiaries who were hospitalized for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure or cardiac arrest on national cardiology meeting dates from 2002 to 2011.

Those rates were then compared to 57,471 similar patients who were admitted three weeks before and after meeting dates.

The results were the exact opposite of what researchers had anticipated.

Only 17 percent of high-risk heart failure patients died on meeting dates, but almost 25 percent died on non-meeting dates. The gap was even wider for high-risk cardiac arrest patients: 59 percent died on meeting days, 69 percent on non-meeting days.

The researchers had hypothesized incorrectly that mortality rates would rise on meeting dates and that this rise would be particularly noticeable at teaching hospitals, where cardiologists were more likely to attend national meetings.

In an accompanying note, journal editor and University of California, San Francisco cardiologist Dr. Rita Redberg said it was a relief to know that patient outcomes do not suffer when cardiologists were away at meetings.

However, it was still unclear how the findings should be interpreted.

"One possibility is that more interventions in high-risk patients with heart failure and cardiac arrest leads to high mortality," Redberg wrote.

"Indeed, some high-risk interventions, such as balloon pumps or ventricular assist devices, are being used in populations in which they are not shown to improve outcomes, and recent reports have raised concerns about high rates of fatal complications from pump thrombosis and other problems," Redberg wrote.

The authors of the study said theirs was not the first to find an unexpected connection between mortality rates and the absence of physicians.

"Our results echo paradoxical findings documented during a labor strike by Israeli physicians in 2000, in which hundreds of thousands of outpatient visits and elective surgical procedures were canceled, but by many accounts mortality rates dramatically fell during the year," authors wrote.

Matias J. Ocner / Miami Herald / TNS

Dr. Ricardo Komotar, assistant professor of neurological surgery and co-director of Surgical Neuro-oncology at University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, used sodium fluorescein to help neurosurgeons remove a patient's brain tumor by illuminating the affected tissues.

Seeing things more clearly

Drug that illuminates brain tissue advances tumor treatment

By CRYSTAL CHEW
Miami Herald (TNS)

MIAMI — Last year, Shawn Monti and his wife, Kathy, drove two hours from their home in Port St. Lucie, Fla., to the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in complete silence.

Shawn, 46, father of five, had just been diagnosed with glioblastoma, a fast-growing brain tumor. Doctors told him he had six months to live.

Today the Palm Beach County sheriff's deputy is alive and hopeful after undergoing surgery at Sylvester in which doctors injected sodium fluorescein, an FDA-approved drug that illuminates brain tumor tissue, making it glow neon green under a UV light. This helps doctors delineate the good tissue from the cancerous tissue, which can be difficult to discern in the brain's complex folds.

Dr. Ricardo Komotar, the surgeon who performed the procedure on Monti, said this type of technology is a "game changer" for brain tumors, especially with tumors located in critical areas like Monti's. His tumor was next to his motor strip, part of the brain's frontal lobe that controls movement.

"The goal is to take out as much of the tumor as possible, while leaving as much healthy tissue (as possible) behind," said Komotar, an assistant professor of neurological surgery and co-director of Surgical Neuro-oncology at Sylvester. "I think if you don't have this technology, you're not going to be as aggressive as you'd like."

Sodium fluorescene has been used for more than a decade, primarily in eye treatments. Only recently, however, has it been used by surgeons for treating brain tumors. With recent studies showing success in this field, doctors at Sylvester believe it will become the standard of care for brain tumors.

Removing as much of the tumor as safely as possible is key to maintaining the quality of life.

"It's just another piece of the pie," said Komotar, who performed the three-hour operation while Monti was under conscious sedation, a combination of sedatives and anesthetics to help the patient relax (sedative) and block pain (anesthetic). This allowed the doctors to monitor his motor functions and strengths. "You need to have a comprehensive approach to these tumors."

Without the sodium fluorescein, Monti likely would not have undergone brain surgery, other than a biopsy, because Komotar said it would have been too difficult to differentiate between the healthy cells and the tumorous ones. As a result, chemotherapy would not have been that successful in eradicating the tumor.

Today, an MRI scan does not show any evidence of the tumor. But Monti's battle with glioblastoma is not over. He will continue to receive radiation and chemotherapy to help prevent the tumor from recurring.

"I feel great," said Monti, who jokes when he sees video footage of his surgery. "Here's proof that I have a brain. It's been called into question many times."

IN BRIEF

Michigan Blood in SJ changing its hours

ST. JOSEPH — Michigan Blood in St. Joseph is changing its hours at its donor center, 2710 Cleveland Ave. Starting Jan. 7, the center will be open from noon-7 p.m. Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays.

Appointments are recommended for donor convenience, but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 1-866-642-5663) or visit https://donate.miblood.org/portal/.

Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate. Blood donors should bring photo ID. For additional information on donating blood, please visit www.miblood.org.

Free congestive heart failure class offered

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeland HealthCare will offer "Living Well with Heart Failure," a free class for community members about congestive heart failure.

Participants will learn to identify common causes and symptoms of heart failure, as well as new daily routines that can dramatically improve one's quality of life.

The class is 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the Imaging Conference Room at the Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road.

Preregistration for the class is required; please call 556-2808 or 866-260-7544.

Weight loss seminar offered in St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH — The Lakeland Comprehensive Weight Loss Center is offering a free seminar, "Lose Weight ... Find Health." The seminar will be presented from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Room 4 of the Frederick S. Upton Education Center at Lakeland Medical Center.

Dr. Michael Schuhknecht, medical director of the Lakeland Comprehensive Weight Loss Center, will discuss programs available for losing weight and maintaining a healthy weight for years to come. The Lakeland Comprehensive Weight Loss Center specializes in working with each person to create a customized lifestyle plan, including medical weight loss management through diet or bariatric surgery, nutrition counseling, individualized exercise programs, and monthly support groups.

For more information or to register for the seminar, call 687-4673 or 877-467-3858.

Free pre-diabetes class slated in St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeland HealthCare is offering a free program designed to help anyone with higher-than-normal blood sugar levels who is at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

The class will be 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, in the Pharmacy Conference Room at the Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road.

This program does not require a physician referral and helps area residents change their lifestyles to delay – or avoid – the onset of diabetes.

Pre-registration for this free class is required. For more information or to register, call 556-2868.

Lakeland to offer class on breastfeeding

ST. JOSEPH — A breastfeeding class for mothers and fathers will be presented from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Frederick S. Upton Education Center at Lakeland Medical Center, 1234 Napier Ave.

Lakeland HealthCare's certified lactation consultant will discuss breastfeeding from delivery room to postpartum, the use of breast pumps, weaning, returning to work and other topics.

The cost for the breastfeeding class is $30, due at the time of registration. For more information or to register, call 556-2808 or 866-260-7544.

Visit www.lakelandhealth.org or find Lakeland HealthCare on Facebook or Twitter for more classes and events.

'Good Grief' program offered in 3 locations

ST. JOSEPH — "Good Grief" is a free program that covers topics such as how to cope with loss, guilt and regret; why you feel the way you do; and finding a sense of peace. Each seven-week session meets for one and a half hours of meaningful information and sharing.

Programs will be offered at three locations:

■ 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 18, at Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph

Contact DJ Hosbein or Jaime Hoover at 429-7100.

■ 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 18, at Hospice at Home, 05055 Blue Star Highway, South Haven

Contact Karen Riffer-Reinert at 637-3825.

■ 3:30-5 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 20, at Hospice at Home, 4017 Chamberlain Road, Buchanan

Contact Mary Nell Rosenboom at 695-1099.

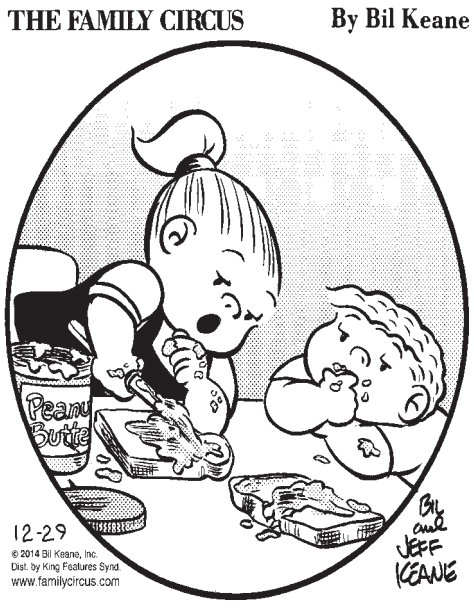
For more information, and to find out about other ongoing bereavement programs, call Lory's Place at 983-2707 or 800-717-3812.

BEETLE BAILEY

BEETLE! DID YOU FORGET WHAT I TOLD YOU TO DO ?
SORTA
GREG+ MORT WALKER
12-29
I REMEMBERED WHO TOLD ME, BUT NOT WHEN, WHERE OR WHAT
©2014 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

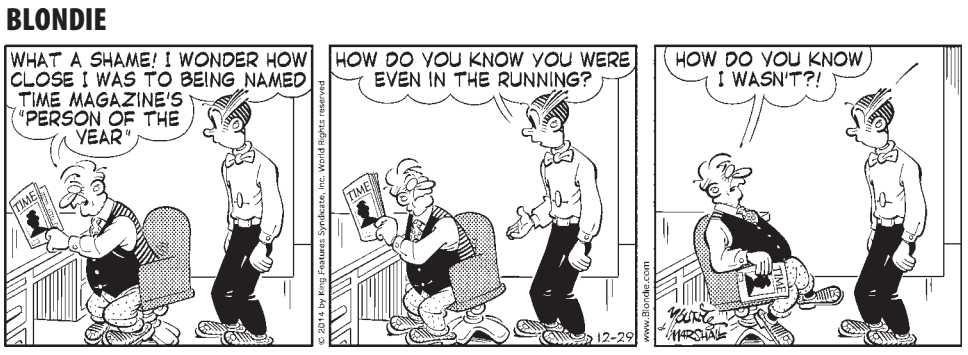


"This bread isn't strong enough to hold the peanut butter."

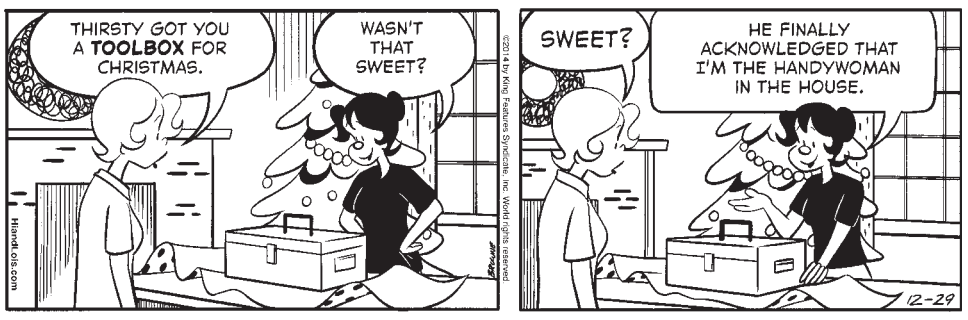
DENNIS THE MENACE

"MY LUCK RAN OUT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME MY MOM'S PATIENCE RAN OUT."

BLONDIE


WHAT A SHAME! I WONDER HOW CLOSE I WAS TO BEING NAMED TIME MAGAZINE'S "PERSON OF THE YEAR"
HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU WERE EVEN IN THE RUNNING?
12-29
HOW DO YOU KNOW I WASN'T?!
© 2014 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World Rights reserved
www.Blondie.com

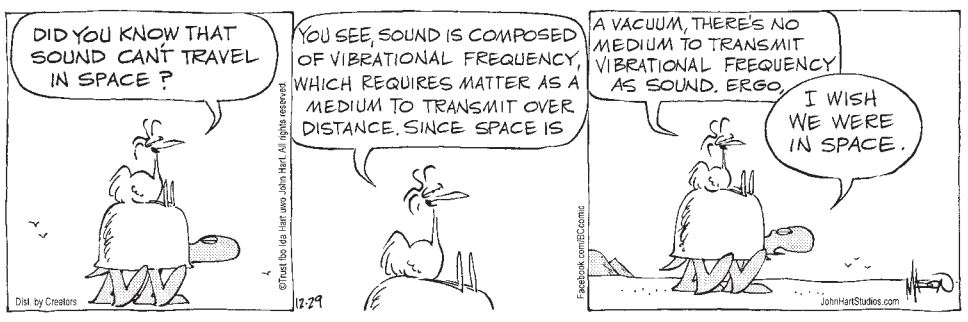
HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES

WHAT'S THAT?
A BOOK ZOE HAS TO READ FOR SCHOOL.
IS IT ANY GOOD?
IT HAS SOME ADULT SITUATIONS IN IT.
WELL, SHE CAN PROBABLY HANDLE IT.
HER? YES. ME? NOT SO SURE!

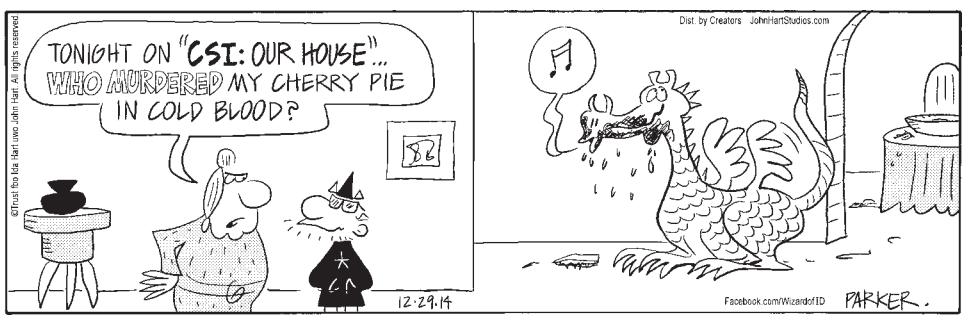
BC


DID YOU KNOW THAT SOUND CAN'T TRAVEL IN SPACE ?
YOU SEE, SOUND IS COMPOSED OF VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY, WHICH REQUIRES MATTER AS A MEDIUM TO TRANSMIT OVER DISTANCE. SINCE SPACE IS
A VACUUM, THERE'S NO MEDIUM TO TRANSMIT VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY AS SOUND. ERGO,
I WISH WE WERE IN SPACE.
Dist. by Creators
©Trust fbo Ida Hart uwo John Hart. All rights reserved
12-29
Facebook.com/BCcomic
JohnHartStudios.com

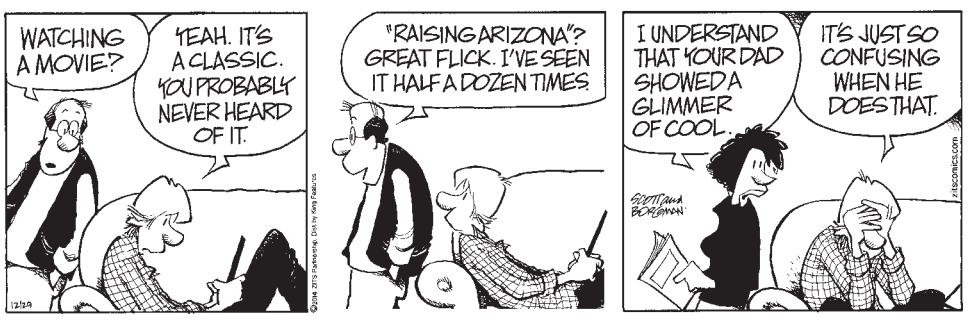
CURTIS

GREEDY COMPANIES ARE TRYING TO COMMERCIALIZE KWANZAA TO MAKE A CHEAP BUCK!
...TODAY IS "CYBER-KWANZAA," WITH SUPER SALES AVAILABLE ON-LINE! CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL ACCEPTED!
GULP! JUST LIKE THEY DID WITH THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS!
BILLINGSLEYART.COM
DO THEY CELEBRATE KWANZAA IN OTHER COUNTRIES, LIKE LONDON?
WELL, I THINK THEY-
LONDON IS NOT A COUNTRY, CURTIS !!

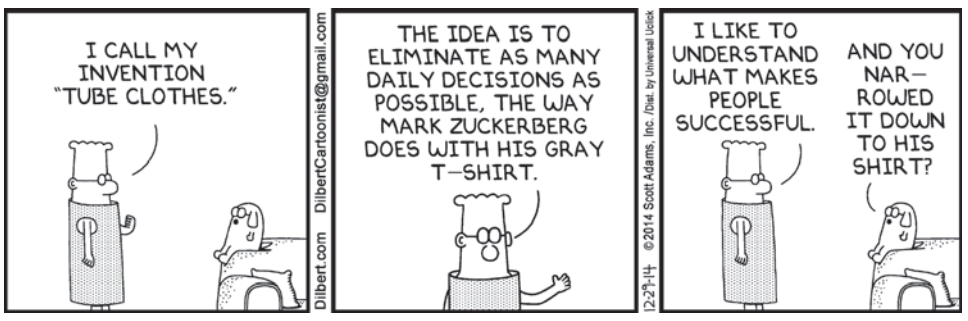
WIZARD OF ID


©Trust fbo Ida Hart uwo John Hart. All rights reserved
TONIGHT ON "CSI: OUR HOUSE"... WHO MURDERED MY CHERRY PIE IN COLD BLOOD?
12·29·14
Dist. by Creators JohnHartStudios.com
Facebook.com/WizardofID
PARKER

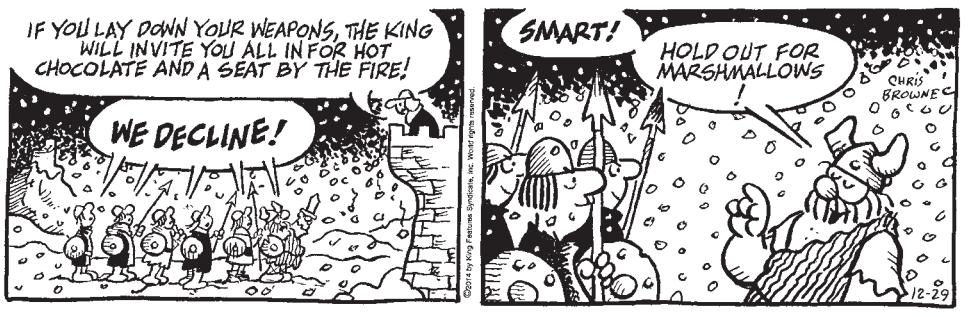
ZITS


WATCHING A MOVIE?
YEAH. IT'S A CLASSIC. YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF IT.
"RAISING ARIZONA"? GREAT FLICK. I'VE SEEN IT HALF A DOZEN TIMES.
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR DAD SHOWED A GLIMMER OF COOL.
IT'S JUST SO CONFUSING WHEN HE DOES THAT.
JERRYSCOMICS.COM

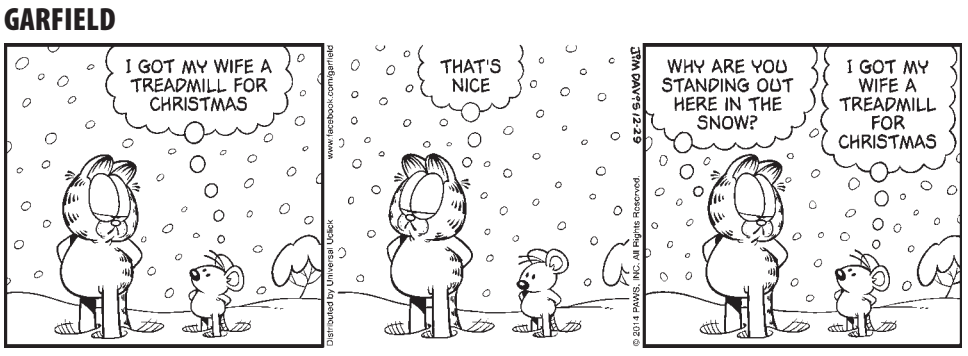
DILBERT


I CALL MY INVENTION "TUBE CLOTHES."
Dilbert.com DilbertCartoonist@gmail.com
THE IDEA IS TO ELIMINATE AS MANY DAILY DECISIONS AS POSSIBLE, THE WAY MARK ZUCKERBERG DOES WITH HIS GRAY T-SHIRT.
©2014 Scott Adams, Inc. /Dist. by Universal Uclick
12-29-14
I LIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES PEOPLE SUCCESSFUL.
AND YOU NAR-ROWED IT DOWN TO HIS SHIRT?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


IF YOU LAY DOWN YOUR WEAPONS, THE KING WILL INVITE YOU ALL IN FOR HOT CHOCOLATE AND A SEAT BY THE FIRE!
WE DECLINE!
SMART!
HOLD OUT FOR MARSHMALLOWS !
CHRIS BROWNE
©2014 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
12-29

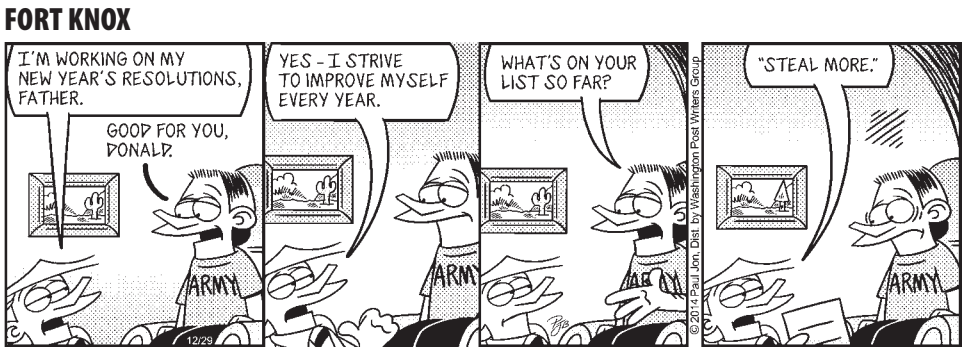
GARFIELD


I GOT MY WIFE A TREADMILL FOR CHRISTMAS
THAT'S NICE
WHY ARE YOU STANDING OUT HERE IN THE SNOW?
I GOT MY WIFE A TREADMILL FOR CHRISTMAS
JIM DAVIS 12-29
www.facebook.com/garfield
Distributed by Universal Uclick
© 2014 PAWS, INC. All Rights Reserved.

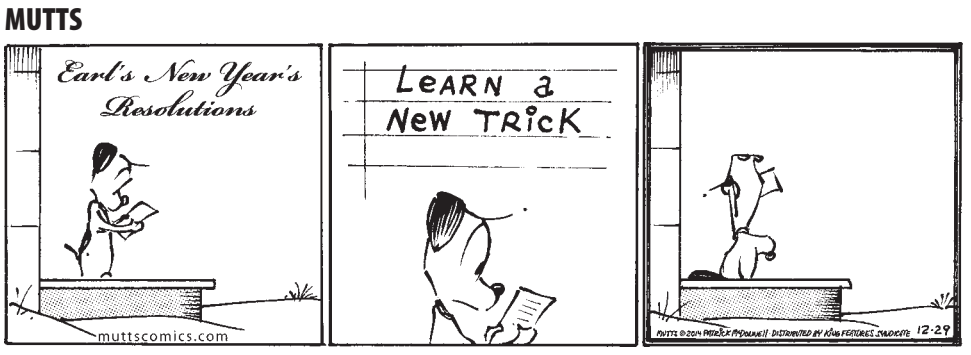
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

LAST WEEK I PUT A HIDDEN CAMERA IN MISTLETOE, I CALL IT MISTLE-PRO
I CAN SECRETLY FILM ANYBODY WHO KISSES UNDERNEATH IT
RALPH, YOU REALIZE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO EAT HERE
12/29
AWKWARD
© 2014 Grimmy, Inc. Distributed by King Features Inc.

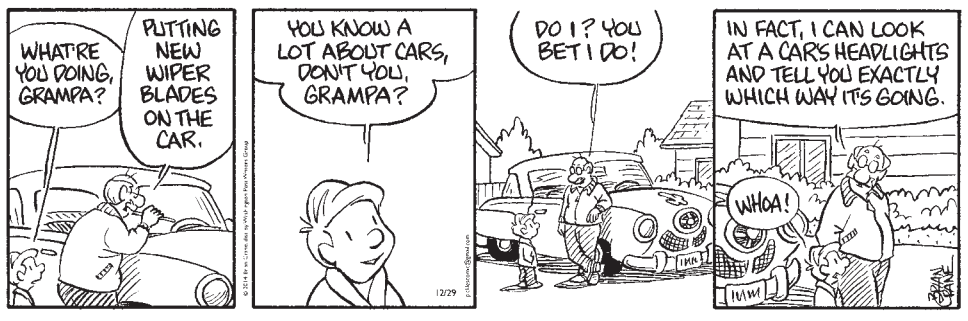
FORT KNOX


I'M WORKING ON MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, FATHER.
GOOD FOR YOU, DONALD.
YES - I STRIVE TO IMPROVE MYSELF EVERY YEAR.
WHAT'S ON YOUR LIST SO FAR?
"STEAL MORE."
ARMY
12/29
© 2014 Paul Jon. Dist by Washington Post Writers Group

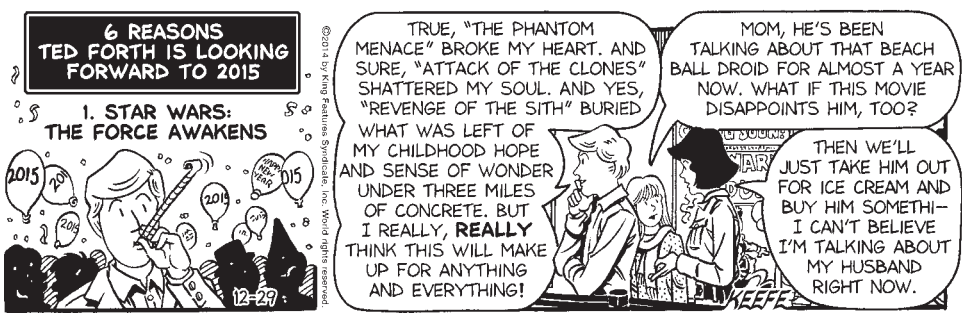
MUTTS



PICKLES


WHAT'RE YOU DOING, GRAMPA?
PUTTING NEW WIPER BLADES ON THE CAR.
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT CARS, DON'T YOU, GRAMPA?
DO I? YOU BET I DO!
IN FACT, I CAN LOOK AT A CAR'S HEADLIGHTS AND TELL YOU EXACTLY WHICH WAY IT'S GOING.
WHOA!
12/29

SALLY FORTH


6 REASONS TED FORTH IS LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015
1. STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS
2015
12-29
©2014 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
TRUE, "THE PHANTOM MENACE" BROKE MY HEART. AND SURE, "ATTACK OF THE CLONES" SHATTERED MY SOUL. AND YES, "REVENGE OF THE SITH" BURIED WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY CHILDHOOD HOPE AND SENSE OF WONDER UNDER THREE MILES OF CONCRETE. BUT I REALLY, REALLY THINK THIS WILL MAKE UP FOR ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!
MOM, HE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT BEACH BALL DROID FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW. WHAT IF THIS MOVIE DISAPPOINTS HIM, TOO?
THEN WE'LL JUST TAKE HIM OUT FOR ICE CREAM AND BUY HIM SOMETHI— I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M TALKING ABOUT MY HUSBAND RIGHT NOW.

Check up on the latest Health & Wellness News in
Health Monthly
Published the second Tuesday of every month in
The Herald-Palladium

The Herald-Palladium

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Desk: 1-800-356-4262
Hours: Monday - Friday 7am-5pm
Saturday & Sunday 7am-12:30pm

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

Bridgman, Starting October 17th 1/2 off first months rent with year lease, 1 & 2 Bdrm Apts., some fully furnished, Pet Friendly. Starting at $435/mo Call 269-465-3333

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

LAPORTE,IN LP/NP SCHOOL DISTRICTS HOUSES, DUPLEXES and APARTMENTS available for rent or land contract. For available properties & application information Phone/Text 219-575-4620 or visit our website Kkrental.webs.com

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

Briarwood Apts and Villas 3 bedroom 2 bath duplex with 2 car garage. Hurry! Won't last long!! 219-380-5136

FOX VILLAGE ONE OF LAPORTE'S FINEST 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, appliances some with washers and dryer. Heat, water furnished. Call 219-362-5422

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

LA PORTE COMMONS 1 & 2 BEDROOM PET FRIENDLY , SENIOR DISCOUNTS & MOVE IN SPECIALS CALL TODAY **219-362-6040** 2400 ANDREW AVE. www.laporte commons.com

LA PORTE: 1 bedroom lower, new paint, very clean, hardwood floors, good area, stove, refrigerator, No Pets, No Smoking $590 monthly. That includes everything! 219-363-3198

Laporte: 5 room upstairs, $400 water included. 219-362-7160

Michigan City: Large 1 Bedroom upper at 204 Thurman Ave., excellent neighborhood. All utilities included, with A/C, off street parking. $580 a month, $500 Security Deposit. Call 219-577-5444

Michigan City Long Beach Cove Villas Check out our free rent specials! 2 and 3 bedroom 2 bath units. 219-879-9950 pmandmindiana .com

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

Michigan City 1.5 Bedroom Apt. For Rent $665 Monthly, All Utils Incl. $350 Deposit. Can be seen at 410 York St. Apt. 1 Call 219-210-1325

Michigan City Deluxe 3 bdrm upper custom kitchen, ceramic tile, hardwood flooring, washer dryer hookup 324 1/2 E. 10th $720 month + utils No pets

Deluxe 3 bdrm house. Newly remodeled, hardwood floors W/D hookup 1115 W 9th. $800 monthly plus utilities no pets Call 219-229-0270

Michigan City, Queen's Park Apts Small quiet setting. Spacious 1&2 bdrm from $575/mo! 219-296-9606

Michigan City: Cute & Cozy 1 bed off street parking, stove & refrig, 219-362-5933 or 219-851-1931

Michigan City: Large 2 bd+ upper, great neighborhood, off street parking call 219-877-7311

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

One Room efficiency apartment for rent, Berrien Springs, all utilities paid, $280/month 12 month lease, Adults Only, No Pets. Call weekdays 269-473-3088

St Joseph: Private Ravine Lg 1 bdrm, hardwood floors, private porch. close to shopping areas. $550/mo plus sec. water, trash & heat included. call 269-983-2374

LaPorte IN Two Bedroom. All Appliances. One car garage off street parking $750/mo 219-324-3459

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

MICHIGAN CITY

Now Renting

1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS

Completely remodeled and furnished.

Starting as low as $450- $500/month & security deposit.

Call 219-879-3430

HOMES FOR RENT

Michigan City: 216 Main St Apt. 3bdrm, full bath, new carpeting, new kitchen flooring & tons of cabinet space, built in microwave, stove & refrig included, brand new 96% eff heating & a/c, water/hot water included, 1 car garage & off street parking included, lg back desk $750 312-961-5679

Stevensville MI 4 Bedroom 1.5 Bath, 2 car garage, walking distance of Lakeshore Sr/Jr High School $1250/mo 269-369-1029 or 269-369-2118

HOMES FOR RENT

LA PORTE: 316 Oberreich St. Looking for a very clean family to make this house a home. 2 bedroom 1.5 bath with large office, with its own entrance. Really clean, lots of new upgrades, off street parking and shed. NO PETS $160 weekly Utilities not included Call 219-324-0408

Michigan City Cozy 2 bedroom home in Trail Creek. 209 Canary Place. appliances included, lovely large yard, $650.00 per month plus all utilities, deposit, good credit and excellent references required. Please call 219-874-8016

Michigan City 819 E Homer Street, very nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath, in good neighborhood, lg updated kitchen & bath, All appliances plus dishwasher, new furnace, windows, detached garage and yard, washer/dryer hookups, $650 per mo plus utilities, $650 sec deposit, No Smoking/ no dogs 219-861-9942

Michigan City Gardena Street- 3 bed 1.5 bath, full basement, hardwood, large kitchen, 2 car garage. 219-728-4779

Michigan City Lease a 2 bedroom, 1 bath home Starting at $550 per month Only a few left! Call 219-874-4290

Michigan City, Unfurnished home for rent. Great location 2br, full basement, large attic. $750/mo plus sec. dep. Call 219-861-3622.

DUPLEXES FOR RENT

LA PORTE: Monroe Manor 2 bedrooms $500 No appliances. No Pets Call 219-362-6525

ROOMS FOR RENT

Michigan City Dunes Inn MOVE IN SPECIAL!! Monthly rate starting at $450-$475!! Limited rooms available. Utilities included. Clean, comfortable rooms. Refrigerator microwave, satellite TV in room. On site guest laundry. Friendly service. behind Bob Evans Restaurant. Located at 3934 N. Frontage Rd off I-94 exit 34B, Please call 219-879-1150 for details.

ROOMMATE WANTED

Michigan City. 2 Roommates Wanted. Looking for two responsible Christian adults to share a clean home located in a nice quiet neighborhood located just off Hwy 20 in Michigan City. $475 Mo. w/ $475 sec. dep. Rent includes all utils and direct TV hookup in each room. Use of kitchen & household appl. Shared bathroom with other roommate. Optional garage parking for one tenant. Excel. refs a must. No smoking, pets or couples. Call 219-229-4462

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

HOMES FOR SALE

Michigan City Buying a home made easy! 3 bedroom 2 bath home starting as low as $10,000.00 Great Location/ Community Amenities Included Call (219) 874-4290

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

Westville IN 2 homes for sale, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, possible owner financing, $1,000 security deposit plus park approval Please call or text 219-229-4932

LEGALS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE

LA PORTE: Fish Fry, Polish Falcons 216 E. Lincolnway, LP Serving 4:30 to 8:00 Carry out available 219-326-9757 Special: Prime Rib Sandwich Cheesy potatoes added to choice of potato Soup:French Onion We are smoke free!

LOST

My jacket was taken from McDonald's Play Place in Michigan City on Thursday Dec. 18. It is fern green with 2 large patches covering the back. One is white & black with bunnies and the other is black with the band name "Batillus" on it. I'm offering $50 for its return NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Email: myloveisrobotic@gmail.com or text/call 574-302-1038.

FOUND

Found Medium sized dog found at DiMaggio's parking lot Hagar Shore on M63 call 269-849-2320

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

Michigan City Wanted: Property Manager And Assistant PM for local apartment community. Section 42 experience preferred. Position is located in Michigan City. Full Time Position. Full Benefits Package Offered. Equal opportunity employer. For more info and to apply online visit: www.hermankittle.com/careers

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Persistence and endurance will help you reach your goals and set a standard for the second half of the decade. Resist the temptation to try to rush your plans. Slow, steady progress will bring the results you are seeking. Be patient and carefully plan each and every move you make.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take the word "failure" out of your vocabulary. Focus on what you want, take charge, reach your destination and ring in the new year on a high note.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Include loved ones in your plans. Someone will use emotional blackmail to get you to do something. Say what's on your mind and don't let anyone impede your progress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Difficulties while traveling will prove stressful. Confiding in a close friend will help you find a solution to a relationship problem. Remain calm and don't fight the inevitable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are on the right path, so don't let criticism or disparaging comments upset you. Your success will be enough to silence your critics and give you the edge you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Personal and business associates will be impressed with your knowledge and charisma. Beneficial changes lie ahead. A new partnership looks promising. End your day with a little relaxation or romance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will receive helpful advice from an elderly friend or relative. A partnership needs adjustment if you want to strengthen your bond before the end of the year.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A lot of issues can be resolved. Let your thoughts be known, and don't hesitate to make a move. People will gravitate to you once your intentions are clear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are dynamic and fun-loving, and you will attract favorable attention if you attend an event. Someone you meet will play an important role in your plans for the coming year.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Family members will be hard to deal with. This is a great time to get together with friends or colleagues. Socialize and have some fun, and mix business with pleasure to get ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stimulate your senses. Try something you have been dreaming about or visit someplace that intrigues you. The new perspective you get from doing something different will be enlightening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Let everyone know what you have to offer. Your co-workers will be impressed with your suggestions to improve the workplace. Socializing with your peers will bring great results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's a good time to make travel arrangements. The destination is not as important as who you will be spending time with. Strengthen a central relationship by nurturing it and making positive plans for the future.

MEMCON North America

SALES and CUSTOMER SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR

Memcon is an international manufacturer of electronic components and supplier to the Membrane Switch & Flexible Circuit Market. As part of our continued expansion, we are seeking a full time Sales/Customer Service Administrator to join our small and dynamic team at our new office in Stevensville.

Main responsibilities:
Processing customer/supplier invoices & payments. Preparing sales journals. Processing customer orders & shipments, including picking & packing. Checking & booking-in inward shipments, export documentation. Liaising with customers, suppliers & couriers worldwide – preparing/sending letters, quotations & samples. Database management and other general office duties.

The successful candidate will have good grades in Math & English and be computer literate – ideally in MS Office, accounting and database packages. Additional language a plus.

Salary negotiable.

Please email cover letter & resume to martin.gilbert@memcon.net.

SALES

HERALD-ARGUS

ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE

SALARY
PLUS MONTHLY BONUSES

Are you a fast learner? Do you have a natural drive for achieving goals?
Our advertising sales opportunities give you the advantage of earning excellent compensation selling a variety of advertising in LaPorte's most dominant media - The La Porte Herald-Argus, our website, and specialty publications. Sales or customer service experience preferred. Should be comfortable with basic computer skills such as email, word processing, internet, etc. Valid driver's license, reliable vehicle and driving record check are required. We offer a competitive salary plus monthly bonuses. Vacation, 401k with company match, Medical and Dental Insurance, plus more. EOE

Please email your resume no later than Tuesday January 6, 2015 to:

resume@heraldargus.com

"Paxton Media Group LLC is an equal opportunity employer, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other protected class."

SUPERHITS 103.7 IN SOUTH HAVEN NEEDS SALES PEOPLE WITH A SUCCESSFUL-TRACK RECORD. If you can sell, you can earn a great living with a Market Leader with 6 Radio Stations in Michigan's Great Southwest. State-of-the-art training with excellent benefits, salary plus bonus compensation.
Fax resume to: 269-925-1011
email:salesjobs@theradiostations.com.
No phone calls. EOE

MEDICAL/DENTAL

Full-time/Part-time CNS's, LPN's, RN's needed for all shift. Please apply in person M-F 8:30am to 5:00pm. Orchard Grove Extended Care, 1385 E. Empire Ave, Benton Harbor MI 49022. 269-925-0033. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

MEDICAL/DENTAL

Berrien Springs
Job Opportunity at Frontier Dental Studio Looking to hire Dental Technician for scanning and designing for CAD. Beginner can be trained. We are located in Berrien Springs, MI.
To apply, call or fax resume to 877-471-3065.

Clinical Supports Coordinator needed to work with adults with developmental disabilities from our Bangor office. Will develop supports plan, provide individual, family & group therapy, crisis intervention, medication monitoring, & other clinical services. Requires LMSW with 1 yr relevant exp. Must be able to maintain EMR. Full-time, $41,902-52,876 with benefits. Submit your resume to cjohnson@vbcmh.com EOE

St Joe
Patient -focused, well established dental practice has an immediate opening for an experienced Dental Assistant. Background in basic dental assisting, certified in dental radiography and Dentrix software experience a plus. Salary based on experience. Must have at least one year of job experience. A certification in Dental Assisting or an RDA a plus. Send resumes to 2525 S. Cleveland Ave. Saint Joseph, MI 49085

GENERAL HELP

Currently Hiring Maintenance Assistant $12 - $14/hr , Material Handler $10-12/hr Folder Operator $10-$16/hr Stitcher Operator $12 – 15/hr. Must apply in person Batson Printing 195 Michigan Benton Harbor Mi 49022.

Office help wanted:
Hours:
9:30am to 6pm
$8.00 an hour
Send Resume to dligue@markmanpeat.com

St. Joe, MI. Auto body technician and painters helper wanted. Experienced only need apply. St.Joe Auto Body. 269-983-1414

Stevensville
Part-time weekend cook, part-time dishwasher, care giver needed. Background check will be completed. Drug testing may be required. Apply in person only, 8:30am-5:00pm at CrownPointe Senior Living Communities, 4232 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville, MI 49127. No phone calls please.

TRUCKING

CDL-A Drivers: Dedicated Fleet Home Daily or Every Other Day Fixed Scedules, Assigned Equipment
Apply: WNLGROUP.COM
Call: 1-855-975-3691

DRIVER TRAINEES
GET PAID CDL
Learn to drive for Stevens Transport
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
New Drivers can Earn $900 per week! and benefits
Carrier covers cost!
Be trained and based locally!
Now offering NEW Regional Routes in IN
1-800-882-7364

OTR DRIVERS
WANTED Looking for miles? Make up to $60,000 a year & still have home time? Be a name not a truck number? Pro Vision Transport is the place for you! We are currently hiring CDL drivers to join our growing fleet. You must have at least 6 months OTR exp. Please call 877-396-1078 or visit www.provisiontransport.com

FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

MERCHANDISE

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Watervliet MI
Meyer Hydro Turn 7 1/2 ft Snow Plow blade, complete with wiring harness and Frame for a Dodge truck. Good shape! $1500.00 OBO 269-463-6014

SPORTING GOODS

Beat The Crowds & Cold with Lefty's red, black and blue, Gobble Skwak Golf Palooza Xmas Sale! 20% off on Lefty Pro Gift Certificates.
Try the family plan. Three full sets with bags for $99. Lost a club, broke a club, hate a club? Lefty has all things golf! Putters, wedges, irons, woods, hybrids, drivers, carts, bags, shoes $2-$99. Call Lefty for a gift. Consultation appointment 219-873-0858

FURNITURE

Oak Curio Cabinet-37wx19Dx80H w/5 adjustable shelves & 2 end doors. $498 269-556-9785

FURNITURE

Stevensville-Drexel Heritage Walnut Dining Room Set (Includes China Closet, Table, 4 side chairs and arm chair)$1750, Bassett Pine Armior $300, Basset Pine China Closet $250, Antique French Desk $425, Antique English Desk $350, White Wooden Antique Dresser $350, Call 269-355-4346 for information.

FIREWOOD

Berrien Springs: seasoned firewood, mixed hardwoods $185/full cord. Pick-up, Delivery also available. 269-362-0253

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

Beautiful, artificial green Cristmas tree, Gold balls & Garland all for $50. 983-6484

Blue/white wall hanging rug-ripple pattern,hand made latch hook $45. 468-9105

For sale juke boxes, dart boards, pool tables, and games. Call 219-778-2422 or 219-575-2155

ping/pong Tbl w/extras-$30, 3 Gal. air comp.$75, 10'adjust. ladder-$65. 269-925-1803

RETIRED FROM PLUMBING REPAIR, DRAIN CLEANING BUSINESS
Selling All Inventory, Equipment, Tools & Office Furnishings.
Dec. 29, 30 & 31
8a-4:00p.
9800 Red Arrow
Bridgman, MI
for info email:
kproplumb@hotmail.com

Stevensville 2 end & sofa table $95. 2 end and side table $100 269-429-4040

Wheat Pennies- $3 per roll of 50. Call 269-449-2506

PETS

CATS/DOGS/PETS

Dog Trainer
Will make house calls
1-269-612-2004.

La Porte;
Mostly white pure Chihuahua puppies 7 months, 2 males $200 ea. obo. Has Shots 219-324-6965.

FARM

FARM MARKET

Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit 5lbs/$2.50 & 18lbs/$9. **Sweet Texas Oranges** 5lbs/$3.50 & 18lbs/$12. Honey Crisp Apples .50/lb, $8/half bushel. Other varieties $7 and up. Walla Walla onions $0.35/lb, $15.00/50lbs. Potatoes $5/half bushel, $9.50/50lbs. Sweet potatoes $0.40/lb, $10/half bushel. Corn $3.50/half bushel. Honey 3lbs/$11. Hunky Fruit Stand 2054 M140 Benton Harbor Hours Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm 269-944-3025

FARM MARKET

TRANSPORTATION

CARS FOR SALE

NEED HELP?
CAR FINANCING
10 minute approval
Phone loan:
(269)925-2277
Jerry Hunt
"The Walking Man's Friend"

170 Million
Adults read a newspaper in print or online in the past week.

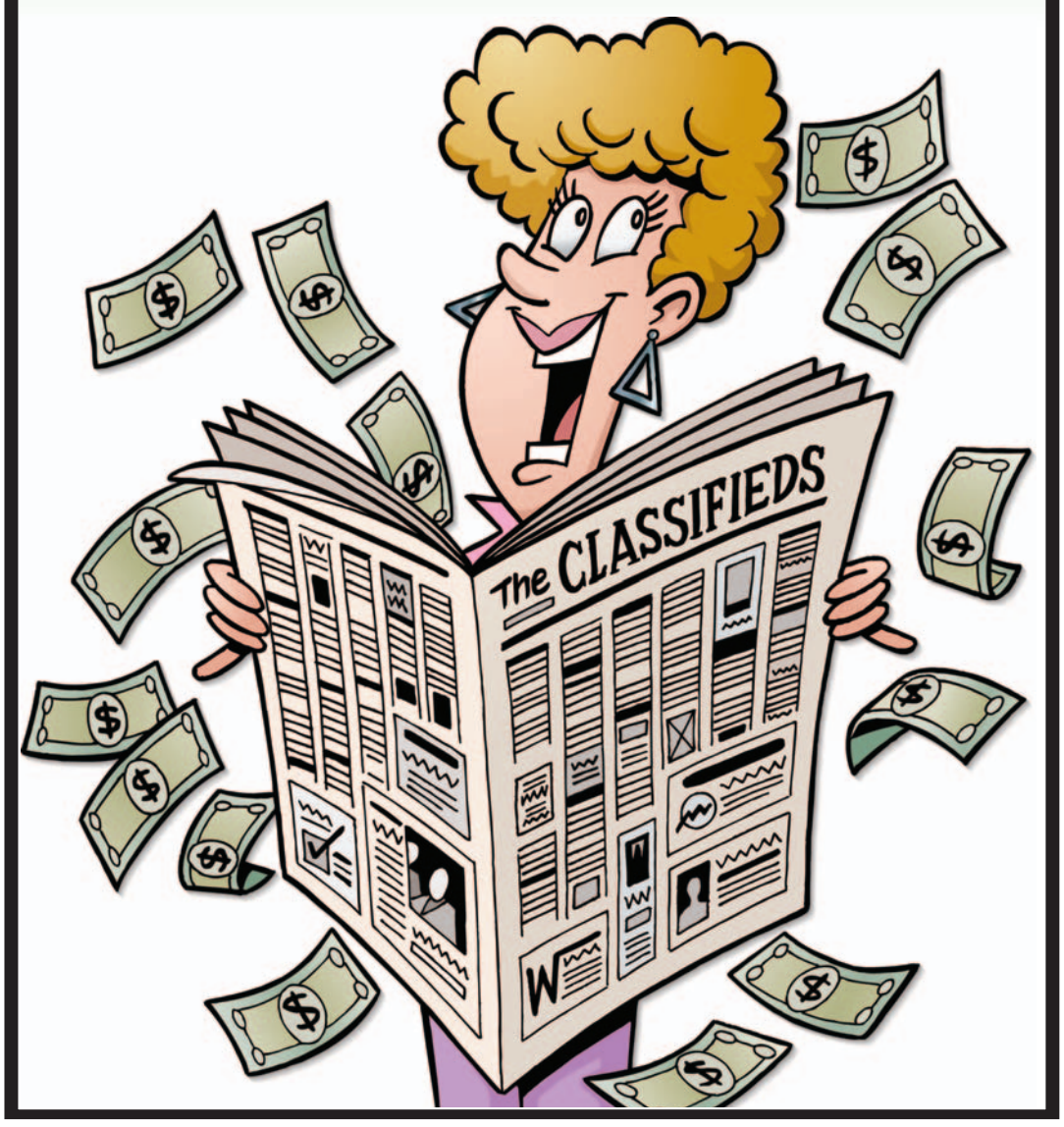
115 Million
Readers who make newspapers an important part of their Sunday tradition.

56%
According to Google, a healthy percentage of consumers research or purchase products they see in the newspaper.

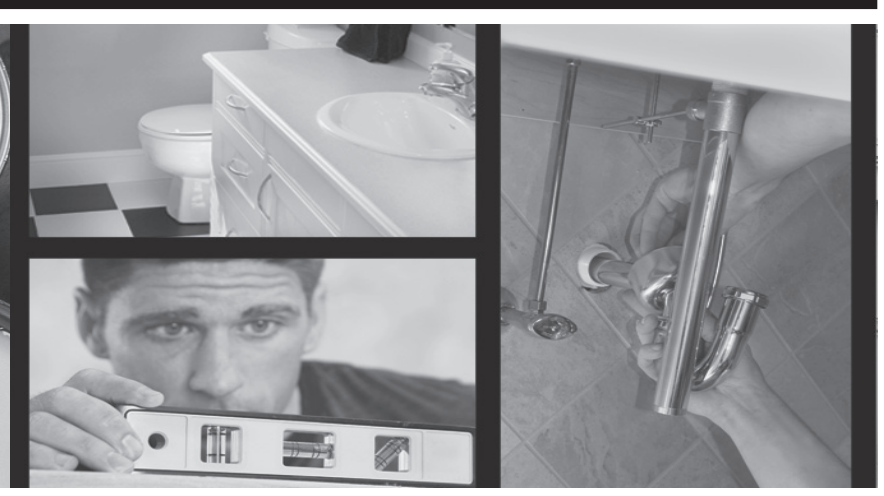
STRESSED OUT AT YOUR CURRENT JOB?

FIND A NEW JOB HERE IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

Classifieds Make A Cash Connection!



BUSINESS & SERVICE GUIDE



APPLIANCE

All Pro Appliance Service
$10 OFF Service Call
Must present this at time of service
Factory Authorized Repair & Installations
Install & Repair All Major Brand Appliances
www.allproapplianceservice.net
St. Joseph
Phone (269)983-7507
Fax (269)983-0995
apasillc@sbcglobal.net

AUTOMOTIVE

The Trans Pro's

Call for a Free Quote
219-942-6644- Business Score
219-405-2480- After Hours
Rebuilt Transmissions starting at $150.00
Installation Available
Hundreds of Units in Stock

CARPENTRY

Richter's Carpentry
Specializing in basement remodeling, drywall, drop ceilings, doors & trim.
No job too small.
20+ years in Business.
944-0236

CLEANING SERVICES

MOLLY MAID
A Better Way To Live.
Serving Berrien County Since 1994.
Free Estimates
We clean carpets too!
269-429-3200
www.mollymaid.com

BLACK ARSENAL

- Firearms
- Ammunition
- Optics
- Knives
- Silencers
- Tactical Gear

CLASS III DEALER
269-235-9305
5711 St. Joseph Ave.
Stevensville, MI
BLACK ARSENAL
www.blackarsenal.com

GUNS & ARCHERY

Gun & Bow Outpost, Inc.
GUNS*SCOPES*AMMO
BOWS*ARROWS
& more
Best Prices!
Best Service!
www.gunandbowoutpost.com
1161 Lemon Creek Rd.
Baroda, Michigan
269-422-6000
gunandbowoutpost@qtm.net

AIR DUCT CLEANING

"Serving the Community Since 1969"
AIR DUCT, DRYER VENT CLEANING
Residential & Commercial
Rotobrush© Air Duct Cleaning System
Reduce Dust, Molds & Bacteria
Lower Energy Costs
Video Inspection
Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
983-6787
St. Joseph, MI

GUTTERS

USA Gutter Quick Service
Residential and Commercial
Free Estimates
1-800-361-9923
or
269-927-3899

MODERN ANTIQUE FIREARMS

- Largest Selection of Firearms in area
- Ammunition
- Optics
- Repairs & Custom Work
- Buy, Sell, Trade & Consignments
- Best Prices with Great Customer Service
- We will special order any item for you

3580 Fieldtree Rd
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269)944-5788

www.migunexchange.com
4 Blocks North of Napier & US31 Intersection

WET BASEMENT??

RJ WATERPROOFING & CONTRACTORS
*Internal/External Drain Tile Systems
*Water Seepage - Structural Wall & Floor Cracks
*Bowed Walls/Crawl Spaces/ Mold/Dampness
*Exterior Membrane/Grading
*Sump Pump/Emergency Backup System
*Added Resale value with Dry Basement
*Basement Baths & Remodeling
LOCAL
269-337-7660

Sandy's Compassionate Care For the Elderly

269-208-7711

Skilled Certified Nursing Assistant, providing care to the elderly in their homes. Services include: meal preparation, medication distribution, cleaning, errands, transportation, bathing, toileting, companionship. Please call Sandy to discuss your caregiving needs.

PAINTING

PAUL PEREZ PAINTING
Specializing
Interior & Exterior Painting
Repair Drywall Cracks, Holes, Water, Smoke Damage, Textures, Staining, & Powerwashing.
20 Years Experience
"Senior" Discounts
Insurance & Reliable
FREE ESTIMATES
Call Paul
269-217-3253
269-783-4148

HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR

- Remodeling
- Improvements
- Repairs
- Painting

10+ years of local service

Dependable, reasonable, and honest.
HANDY RANDY'S
(269)449-4169

ROOFING

DAUGHERTY'S
Roofing Repair
Call Greg at
(269) 208-3522
Specializing in minor roofing repair, algae removal and gutter cleaning.
NO JOB TO SMALL

HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR

Larry Morrow SR
Residential Builder
- Painting
- Kitchens
- Baths
- Drywall
- Roofing
- Decks
- Windows
- Doors
- Fences
- Flooring
- Siding
- Basements

269-325-2242
Licensed & Insured

SNOW PLOWING

•SNOW PLOWING & ROOF SNOW REMOVAL, IN ADDITION TO ALL OUR OTHER SERVICES.
•LOCALLY OWNED OVER 20 YEARS
•VETERAN & SENIOR DISCOUNTS
Wright's Seamless Gutters & Covers
269-468-5000

People DO Read Small Ads. You Did!

Le Valley GMC

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YEAR END SAVINGS TODAY!

HURRY! OFFERS END JANUARY 2ND!

BIG YEAR END PUSH

WE'RE PUSHING YOUR TRADE-IN VALUE UP!

GET A MINIMUM $3500 FOR YOUR TRADE WHEN YOU BUY ANY NEW CHEVY BUICK OR GMC VEHICLE!

PUSHING PAYMENTS BACK! PLUS, NO PAYMENTS TIL APRIL 2015!

JUST ANNOUNCED! GET UP TO 20% OF MSRP CASH BACK ON NEW CHEVY PURCHASES!

ON SELECT MODELS.

100 VEHICLES MUST GO BY JANUARY 2ND!

2014 CHEVY **SONIC** STK# CH4151

MSRP $18,550
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $3,710
SALE PRICE $11,340

2014 CHEVY **CRUZE 2LT** STK# CH4077

MSRP $24,595
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $4,919
SALE PRICE $16,176

2014 CHEVY **CRUZE LTZ** STK# CH4110

MSRP $25,860
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $5,172
SALE PRICE $17,188

2014 CHEVY **CRUZE LTZ** STK# CH4191

MSRP $26,180
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $5,236
SALE PRICE $17,444

2014 CHEVY **IMPALA 1LT** SATK# CH4081

MSRP $32,435
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK 6,487
SALE PRICE $22,448

2014 CHEVY **IMPALA 1LT** STK# CH4079

MSRP $34,885
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $6,977
SALE PRICE $24,408

2015 CHEVY **SILVERADO 1LT DBL CAB 4X4** STK# CT5124

MSRP $41,970
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $8,394
SALE PRICE $30,076

2014 BUICK **LACROSSE PREMIUM** STK# B4072

MSRP $46,740
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,348
SALE PRICE $33,892

2014 BUICK **ENCLAVE** STK# B4007

MSRP $47,070
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,404
SALE PRICE $34,166

2014 CHEVY **CAMARO 2SS CONVERTIBLE,** STK# CH4129

MSRP $47,180
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,436
SALE PRICE $34,244

2014 GMC **SIERRA DBL CAB SLT 4X4,** STK# G40317

MSRP $48,570
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,714
SALE PRICE $35,356

2015 BUICK **ENCLAVE** STK# B5001

MSRP $49,500
TRADE $3,500
20% CASH BACK $9,910
SALE PRICE $36,140

Where After The Sale, SERVICE MATTERS!

Le Valley GMC

2130 M-139 ▪ BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022
I-94 TO EXIT 28 (M-139). 1/4 MILE NORTH ON YOUR LEFT
269-925-3214 ▪ www.LeValley.com

ON SELECT IN STOCK MODELS. TRADE MUST BE 1996 MODEL OR NEWER & PROVIDE 6 MONTH OR LONGER PROOF OF OWNERSHIP. DEALER TRADE ORDERS AND FORMULA PRICING EXCLUDED. OFFERS STAND ALONE. WITH APPROVED CREDIT.